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We extend greetings of the season and hope that 1923 will be an unusually successful and pleasant year for you.

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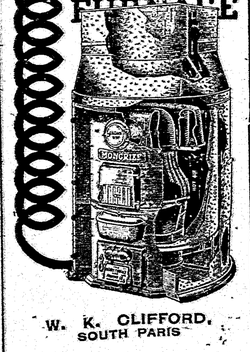

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A gentle sow who took recourse
To legal craft and lore
Declared, "I want a quick divorce,
My mate's an awful boar!"

A lady sheep who sought the halls
Of justice wept, "Boo-hoo!
My cruel husband never calls
Me anything but 'Ewe!'"

"We'll have to part!" the gander sighed;
"It's not the slightest use
To try to live with any bride
That's such a silly goose!"

The stag, however, dropped a tear
And murmured soft and low,
"My charming wife's a little deer!
I want to keep my doe."
—Arthur Guiterman.

Raising Cattle on a Large Scale.

An attempt is being made in Massachusetts to raise beef on a large scale, which may be of interest to the state of Maine and the county of Oxford. Below are excerpts from an article by James H. Powers in regard to it:

Up amid the Berkshire Hills, in the far back lands, where old farms have fallen into ruin and decay during the past score of years and where many an abandoned homestead has been undergoing gradual disintegration, an important step has been taken to knock the present local meat prices into a cocked hat.

The first large cattle range in New England is in full operation and the first shipments of baby beef of any size, locally raised, have been sent into Boston and Springfield markets and sold at a profit.

While this important experiment has been under way at Brookvale Farm, the property of L. Marshall Crane, brother of the late Murray Crane, discoveries about cattle raising possibilities in New England have been made which may result in an agricultural revolution in this part of the country.

The destiny of the whole Connecticut Valley is likely to be affected if the suggestions offered by these discoveries are put into practical operation by the farmers. It is even possible that the problems of the abandoned farm may be solved, and that thousands of acres of hill country, which have been hard-scrabble cultivation for years, will see the end of dairy farming and small crop raising.

Perhaps a Westerner might sniff at the size of this range with its 225 head of selected stock, but Charley Anderson, the old cowman from the West, who is herdsman here, doesn't sniff—and it might be noted in passing that Charley has seen some steers.

There are no Bill Hart cowpunchers on Brookvale Farm though. Nobody wears a red bandanna and chaps. There is not even a bad man to shoot holes in a tenderfoot's hat for diversion. S. R. Morrison, who manages the outfit, and who probably knows more about beef raising in this part of the country than any other man operating in the business, says that Brookvale Farm ranch doesn't set up for any Deadwood Dick features. The whole organization is much too busy raising beef. There isn't even a ranch brand yet, and the only beasts marked are a bunch of stock fetched from the Red Heart ranch in Texas.

There are some of the largest barns in western Massachusetts located here, for during the bitterest of the winter months the range cattle are brought in to open spaces under the buildings where they may have some shelter from blizzards. Besides, there is a goodly array of milch cows to be cared for, as well as 14 horses and all the special breeding stock, prize herds and other live stock.

Like its great models in the West, Brookvale Farm ranch runs cattle to market by train, on the hoof, and does no slaughtering, except for local trade such as may turn up in Dalton or the surrounding towns. It is watered by an artesian well which floods out a plentiful supply despite the fact that the site is more than 2100 feet above sea level.

The graze herds are divided into steers and cows and it is from the former group that we raise our baby beef. These animals are fattened up to the age of about 18 months and then sent to market.

There is plenty of land up here. Many abandoned farms lie around among the hills, which one can purchase for from $8 to $10 an acre. Indeed, there are thousands and thousands of acres of land here admirably adapted for beef raising, and now going to seed and thicket.

This experiment means a good many things worth notice. In the first place it means that a wonderful new opportunity is open before New England, if she wants to make the most of it.

We have proved that there is feed enough for the graze herds right here. So the food problem is settled. In the next place, the raising of cattle for beef market solves the help problem for the farmer. If he were exclusively in the beef raising business, up here, very few hands would do for a great range. We have but two herdsmen here for 225 cattle.

Next there is the relative value of cattle raising as against dairy farming. The farmer who goes into cattle raising doesn't have any trains to meet, any daylight saving schedule to worry him. His isolation from railroads and his distance from the large towns is actually an asset to his business.

Here are valuable lands in Massachusetts, where small farming has proven to be unsuccessful for various reasons, high altitude, distance from market, help problems, etc. Our crop raising here for market is practically nil. The farmers up here just about make both ends meet. Well, here is the chance to recover production for Massachusetts in some of her best territories. Here is a chance to restore productivity to a large area of our agricultural district. Here is a chance to help Massachusetts to become self-sustaining and to make living in our cities a bit less costly. Here is an idea of agrarian enterprise where cartage is eliminated, and where the demand for the product is steady and heavy.

This experiment marks the return of local initiative in handling problems of land and living. It marks the beginning of something needed these past 20 years in New England, increased local production. Massachusetts, with some of the best farming land in the Northeast, is far from self-supporting. Too much of its foodstuffs come from other states. Such a situation results in the decay of enterprise and the increase in prices.

Brookvale Farm ranch marks the renaissance of local enterprise in one of our most costly adventures into indifference; the adventure of exclusive dependence upon somebody else for our meat.

Chemicals from Corn Cobs.

By developing new methods of extracting furfural from corn cobs, chemists of the United States Department of Agriculture have greatly reduced the cost of making this chemical, which is used in the manufacture of soluble and insoluble resins for stains, varnishes, insulating material, printing plates, and many other articles. Furfural has been made commercially from oat hulls and has been selling for about 50 cents a pound, but when made from cobs it is estimated that it can be manufactured at a cost of about 10 cents a pound. Cobs give the greatest yield of furfural of any of the common agricultural materials that contain it.

It is strange but true that many a man who carefully covers the radiator of the family car with a blanket, never thinks to stop those cracks in the wall of the horse stable.

Luther Burbank is trying to produce a seedless watermelon, but the Boston Globe believes he should exercise his great talent in developing a squirtless grapefruit.

Milk Prices.

The sales committee of the New England Milk Producers' Association have decided to continue the present milk price, 8 1-2 cents per quart for 3.7 per cent milk delivered in Boston, for the next four months. In the past two years there has been a decrease in the price of milk in January. The sales committee is determined to carry the price through the winter this year.

In an effort to back up the sales committee to the fullest extent, the association is going out on a definite campaign to strengthen its locals throughout the territory to resist any cut in prices which the dealers may attempt to force on the association members. The decrease in price during the winter is not warranted by conditions. It has become a habit which the sales committee is determined to break.

There is at the present time a great shortage of milk. Butter prices and the prices of other dairy by-products are good. Grain prices are high, making the cost of producing milk high. The demand for milk is good and there is no disturbing element to unsettle the milk market in the opinion of the sales committee.

The decrease in prices in winter the past two years was due more to a partial demoralization of the market through price cutting by dealers in anticipation of a decrease by the association, than to any real need for a decrease. In the opinion of the sales committee this winter price cutting warfare between the dealers can be largely forestalled by making a price for a four months' period, always leaving the dealers an opportunity to ask for a reconsideration of the price at the beginning of each month in case unexpected conditions arise.

In addition to the price for market milk, the sales committee has sold class two milk of its members, the milk not used for fluid purposes, at its butterfat value plus 15 cents per hundredweight. This will give the farmers a substantially higher price for their class two milk, as the butter quotations are high and are going steadily higher. The price on class two milk has no bearing on the retail price of milk to consumers.

Producing Its Own Food.

A survey made by the students of the Ohio State College shows that enough food is produced in that state to supply the needs of its population amounting to 5,700,000, and that there is a tremendous surplus raised for export. The survey was undertaken to find out whether Ohio could support itself providing it were deprived of railroad transportation and thrown upon its own resources.

It would be interesting to know whether Maine could do this or not or whether it could approximate it. Before the advent of the railroads Maine was self supporting. Such food as its people consumed they produced. There have been statements made to the effect that the people in those days lived very well and waxed strong and fat as a result.

Not only is Maine failing to day to produce the food her people consume but much of that which she does raise is being shipped out of the state and then brought back into the state again to be distributed among its cities and towns. If the state had adequate marketing facilities this would not be the case. The consumer suffers from it because in addition to the original cost of food production he has to pay two freight charges and the middlemen's profits, while the farmer loses because he is compelled to accept such prices as the out of the state markets are willing to allow him for his products.

There is nothing particularly new about this, but it is a situation which can be changed and which many people think should be changed. When our farmers, our bankers and merchants and the consumers generally come to thoroughly comprehend this situation it may be changed.—Portland Press-Herald.

Farm Bureau Planning Meetings.

County Agent Lovejoy, with the assistance of the various Farm Bureau community chairmen, has just completed arrangements for a series of winter planning meetings to be held in the twenty organized communities of the county. The main purpose of these meetings will be to arrange for the carrying out of the program for 1923 and to elect the local officers for the coming year.

An added feature of the meetings will be the stereopticon pictures made up from negatives taken in the county. Mr. Lovejoy has over seventy of the lantern slides, and they are of unusual educational value because each has a concrete bearing on some particular profitable farm practice. All are illustrative of Farm Bureau work.

The meetings begin at 10 a. m., and are open to the public. All interested are urged to attend. Following is the schedule:

Waterford Dec. 27, Grange Hall; Lovell Dec. 28, Grange Hall; Oxford Dec. 29, Grange Hall; Dixfield Jan. 2, Grange Hall; Rumford Jan. 3, Grange Hall; Andover Jan. 4, Grange Hall; Roxbury Jan. 5, residence of C. F. Taylor; Bethel Jan. 9, Grange Hall; Bryant's Pond Jan. 10, Grange Hall; South Paris Jan. 11, Grange Hall; Norway Jan. 12, Grange Hall; Brownfield Jan. 16, Town Hall; Fryeburg Jan. 17, Grange Hall; Denmark Jan. 18, Grange Hall; Hiram Jan. 19, Grange Hall; Canton Jan. 23, Grange Hall; East Sumner Jan. 24, Grange Hall; Buckfield Jan. 25, Grange Hall; East Hebron Jan. 30, Grange Hall; Hebron Jan. 31, Grange Hall.

Have Donated Eggs for Prizes.

At the show of the Western Maine Poultry Association in Norway, Jan. 9-11, there will be poultry exhibits by the boys' club members of the Farm Bureau. Settings of eggs for hatching will be among the prizes given, and the following have already pledged to give settings for this purpose:

Maurice Delano (Owens Farms), Vineyard Haven, Mass., S. C. Red or Buff Orpingtons.
Frank A. Taylor, South Paris, S. C. Red.
G. Guy Buck, South Paris.
Edward L. Parris, Paris, two settings.
George W. Haskell, South Paris.
Howard D. Smith, 2d, Norway, Barred Rocks.
B. M. Clifford, Brownfield.
W. H. Heald, Buckfield.
Mrs. V. P. DeCoster, Buckfield.
A. L. Sanderson, Harrison.

Information on Pine Blister Rust.

Pine owners of Oxford County will be interested to learn that County Agent Lovejoy has arranged for Mr. D. S. Curtis, federal agent for white pine blister rust control, to attend several of the winter Farm Bureau planning meetings, in order to give those present some information about the disease and methods of control.

The meetings which Mr. Curtis will attend are as follows: Waterford Dec. 27, Lovell Dec. 28, Oxford Dec. 29, Andover Jan. 4, Bethel Jan. 9, South Paris Jan. 11, Brownfield Jan. 16, Fryeburg Jan. 17, Hiram Jan. 19, Canton Jan. 23, East Sumner Jan. 24, Buckfield Jan. 25.

Has Farm Agent.

Over 2100 of the 2850 agricultural counties in the United States employ at least one agricultural extension worker, who acts as a joint representative of the United States department of agriculture and the state agricultural college in conducting demonstrations of farm and home practices found most successful by experiments of these institutions. They also give advice and assistance in farming matters by personal visits, correspondence, telephone messages, community meetings, and articles in the local press.

The Bureau of Public Roads states that there are 4.2 motor vehicles for each mile of public highway in the United States or enough to take the entire population of the United States for a ride at one and the same time.

Building in South Paris in the Season of 1922

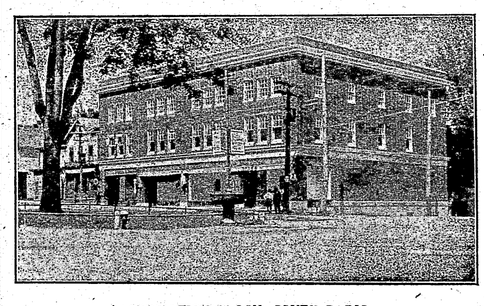
New Construction Completed During the Year Runs Well into Six Figures.

Although any one who was asked offhand about the matter might say that 1922 has not been a great building year in South Paris, it is nevertheless a fact that the new construction completed during the year and made available for occupancy will amount to approximately $150,000. A large part of this is of course in two public buildings or blocks, Association Block and Odd Fellows' Block, both of which were begun in 1921, and work was continued on them through the winter, so that they were ready for use early in the past season.

Of the new buildings Association Block is the one which first attracts the attention of most strangers entering the town, standing as it does on a conspicuous corner of the Square, on the site of the former Odd Fellows' Block. The old wooden building, which has stood since 1878, was wrecked by fire on the night of Feb. 18, 1921. Immediately plans for rebuilding began to be considered, though it was some months before anything fully materialized. Finally the Odd Fellows sold the lot on which the building had stood, and went elsewhere.

The purchasers of the lot were a syndicate of business men and firms, from which was later formed a corporation known as the Paris Building Association, which went on with the erection of a new building.

Gibbs & Pulsifer of Lewiston were architects of the new building, and T. F. Moreau & Co. of the same city were general contractors. The building is a modern business structure 78 x 80 feet on the ground, built of brick, cement and stone, of fireproof construction. The street walls are of a handsome style of tapestry brick, and the building as a whole is one



ASSOCIATION BLOCK, SOUTH PARIS.

which would be an ornament to any town.

About one-half of the ground floor and basement are occupied by a new business enterprise in South Paris, "Our Store," a dry goods and department store, owned and operated by the Roger Davis Co., which was opened as soon as the building was in condition, and which carries a large stock of dry goods and apparel with a variety basement. The next store is the clothing store of the L. F. Pike Co., and the next is the barber shop of H. L. Fogg, with pool room at the rear.

A broad stairway at the western end of the building leads to Association Hall, a public hall with stage and balcony, the largest auditorium in the town, and one which supplies a want that had been long evident. For many years there had not been in the town any place large enough to hold the audience which would assemble on a few special occasions, especially the high school graduations. With a comfortable seating capacity of 750, which can be safely extended a little if required, there will be few if any times when an audience will gather larger than can be accommodated. The hall is beautifully decorated, has a large stage well equipped with scenery, is of excellent acoustic properties, and is a municipal asset in which the people may take pride.

There is also on the second floor the office of the selectmen of Paris. For the rent of this office, and the use of Association Hall for town meetings and elections, the town pays an annual rental of $1500. On the third floor there is also another small assembly room or club room, which is not as yet occupied except in connection with functions in the large hall.

Work on the building was continued through the winter of 1921-2, and the first use made of the building was for the annual meeting of the town in March, when the building was closed in and warmed, though nothing had been done toward finishing the inside. The first actual use made of the finished hall was for dancing at the time of the dedication of Odd Fellows' Block, June 7th, but the formal dedication of Association Hall was with a ball on June 9th, and the first use of the stage was on the 13th, for the operetta, "The Stolen Flower Queen," put on under the auspices of the Brick School under the direction of Miss Helen M. Barnes, music supervisor.

The total cost of the building and equipment was a little over $80,000.

The new Odd Fellows' Block is a successor to the former three-story wooden building, erected in 1878, which was for so long a familiar landmark in the village, on the corner where Association Block now stands. This building was wrecked by fire on the night of Feb. 18, 1921, practically the whole of it above the second floor being burned off, and the lower part of it being ruined by fire and water. Subsequently the wreckage was cleared away, and the lot was sold to the syndicate of business men which was the nucleus of the Paris Building Association.

The Odd Fellows, or strictly the Mount Mica Building Association, owners of the old building, in which the Odd Fellows' lodge was a large shareholder, then purchased the lot on which the Hewett house formerly stood, at the corner of East Main and Barrows Streets, and on it erected the present building.

This building is of brick and concrete, the walls on the street sides being faced with a good tapestry brick. It is of fire proof construction from basement to roof. In fact, it is so fully fireproof that the insurance companies made a special rate on it a little lower than that called for by their schedules.

The building committee which had charge of the construction was composed of Philip S. Mason, W. B. Strickland, F. E. Kimball, Horace L. Swan, J. E. Murch and George E. Eastman. H. W. Rhodes of Portland was the architect, and Philip S. Mason was in charge of the work.

On Sept. 8, 1921, the cornerstone of the building was laid with the usual ceremonies by Leslie E. Jacobs of Skowhegan, Grand Master of Odd Fellows of Maine, assisted by other grand officers. Work on the construction went on without material interruption through the winter, and the first use of the building was by the Strand Theatre, South Paris' moving picture house, which opened March 20, 1922, and has been open continuously since. The new Odd Fellows' Hall was dedicated Wednesday, June 7, with an afternoon and evening program in charge of Mount Mica Lodge, the keys being delivered by the building committee to Grand Master W. S. Lewin of Houlton, and by him to Donald P. Chapman, Noble Grand of Mount Mica Lodge. The hall is the home for Mount Mica Lodge, Aurora Encampment, Canton Alfred S. Kimball, and Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge.

Outside dimensions of the building are 68x74 feet. On the Main Street front are the main entrance, leading to the stairway and the Strand Theatre, and three stores or offices, now occupied respectively by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., Ralph R. Butts, plumbing and heating goods, and the office of the Oxford County Farm Bureau and agricultural agent.

The southwest wing of the building is occupied on the ground floor and below by the Strand Theatre, as well appointed a picture house as there is in the state, with a seating capacity of some over three hundred. This is familiar to most of the people of the town, and has before been described in detail in these columns.

Above the ground floor the rest of the building is all used for the Odd Fellows' purposes. The meeting hall occupies the southwest wing to its full height, the dimensions being 44x56 feet, with a raised alcove for an orchestra. The floor is covered with battleship linoleum, and the room is finished in natural oak, and furnished with furniture of fumed oak.

On the Main Street front the building shows three stories. The second floor of this part contains anterooms, regalia room, men's lounge and ladies' parlor. On the third floor there is a banquet hall with a capacity of some over 200, and a well equipped kitchen and serving room. All together it is one of the most convenient and attractive fraternity homes to be found in this part of the country.

The cost of the building was approximately $55,000.

These two buildings constitute the bulk of the new construction in the place for the year, nevertheless the housing capacity has been increased to some small extent. One of the best of the new houses is that built by Mrs. Louise J. Briggs on Pine Street, and occupied some weeks ago by Mrs. Briggs and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Morton. This is a semi-bungalow of nine rooms and bath, comfortable, well lighted and pleasant, and fully modern in all respects.

J. A. Thurlow completed a two-story house of eight rooms and bath near his residence on Hill Street, on which work was begun last season. This house he sold early in the summer to Fred Holt of Bethel, who had purchased the blacksmith business of I. H. Mace, and Mr. Holt and family immediately moved in.

Chester W. Hammond has built on Wheeler Street a modern semi-bungalow of five rooms and bath, with upper and lower halls, which he and Mrs. Hammond have occupied since about the middle of November.

Ervin A. York has built a good house on Gary Street, at the junction of that street with Walker Street.

Irving O. Barrows has put up on Barrows Street a house of the semi-bungalow type, 32x28, seven rooms and bath, with garage, up-to-date in all respects, and now about ready for occupancy.

There is in addition some prospect for next season's building. L. C. Button has a double garage built on his lot at the corner of Oak Avenue and Shurtleff Avenue which he is occupying for lodgings during the winter. He also has the lathers up for the house on the lot, which he will build next year.

No building has been entirely destroyed by fire during the year. The most serious damage done was the burning of the "old cheese factory house," a two-tenement house on Oxford Street, on the evening of May 9. This was so badly damaged that Harry Conant, the owner, thought at first he would tear down what was left, but later changed his mind, and built out of the ruins a smaller but better house than the one burned.

The report of the state assessors shows that the valuation of property in Oxford County has increased $316,662 over that of 1921. The valuation of 1921 was $24,918,521; that of 1922, $25,235,183. The entire state valuation for the present year is $596,798,084; that of 1921 was $587,198,592.

ODD FELLOWS' BLOCK, SOUTH PARIS.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS IN TABLOID FORM

News of General Interest From the Six States

A record kill of deer during the open season last week in Mass., was 1720. The previous high mark was 1280.

The Vermont state grange re-elected L. L. Martin of Plainfield master at the 51st annual gathering held in Burlington. This is Mr. Martin's fourth term of two years each.

The six weeks' trial of Charles Ponzi and his agents cost the County of Suffolk, Mass., $4489.04. This is independent of the salaries of Judge Fosdick and other court officials.

The jury in the Perrigo-Twombley suit in Lowell awarded Elmer Perrigo $500 as damages to be paid by Edgar Twombley, wealthy contractor, for the alienation of Mrs. Perrigo's affections. Perigo had named $25,000 in his suit.

United States Senator Page of Vermont has just notified Norman Bone of South Ryegate and Leon Harding of Vershire of their appointment as students to naval academy, Annapolis. Both are students at Montpelier Seminary.

A big buck, wounded so badly in the nose during the deer hunting season last month that he had not been able to eat since, was found standing in a brook in the wilderness between East Dover and South Newfane, Vt. and following a rescue by two men, died from starvation.

Possibly time is no object with owners of the A. & W. Ogilvie, a coasting schooner confessing to be on the shady side of 50. Anyway, she arrived in Boston, having occupied 53 days on the way from Parrsboro, N. S., a passage frequently made in 48 or 72 hours with wind fair and strong.

A tabulation of the different professions and occupations of the incoming Massachusetts House of Representatives shows that lawyers, as usual, are to the fore with 44 of the 240 seats. Next to the legal profession come th merchants, with 26 places. Following in third place are 23 real estate and insurance men.

An appropriation of $6000 from the Hartley Corporation for research in psychiatric work among children of Connecticut having mental or conduct disorders was accepted by the Connecticut Humane Society. The appropriation will be used for the establishment of the Helen Jenkins juvenile court clinic in the juvenile court building, Hartford.

The machine operators of the Shoe Workers' Protective Union, Haverhill, voted in favor of granting to factories of the Haverhill Shoe Manufacturers' Association a continuance of the prices and condition prevailing under the present working agreement until July 1, 1923. The existing one was to have expired Dec. 31. Present prices and conditions will prevail until a new agreement is reached, officials of the union said.

Receipts of state taxes of Mass. for the year ending Nov. 30 totalled $40,558,069, Commissioner Henry F. Long announced. This yield was divided as follows: Income tax $13,805,269; business corporation tax $1,069,574; inheritance tax $6,805,848; public service corporation tax $2,527-307; insurance tax $2,187,140; savings institutions tax $2,011,270; national bank tax $1,913,408; stok transfer tax $238,253.

Students of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, think Thomas A. Edison the greatest living American, President Kenneth C. M. Sills announced in making public the result of a poll at the college. Woodrow Wilson ranks second and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Mass., third. The runners-up are Secretary of State Hughes, Charles M. Schwab and Chief Justice Taft, in the order named.

"There are men from my home town and from other towns in Vermont and other states who are living to find a life of ease. They are going to California and other places where work is lessened. In my opinion such men are quitters and must be branded so, particularly during this critical period of reconstruction when every man is needed at his post of duty," said Rev. Frazier Metzger of Randolph before the cadet corps of Norwich University.

A live Yankee named Henry Green is trying to solve, with the aid of two Ford cars or parts thereof, a transportation problem in northern Maine that was given up by the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company as hopeless. Many years ago a toy railroad was constructed from Brownville, on the line of the Bangor and Aroostook, to Katahdin Iron Works, a dozen miles up in the hills where iron of a very high grade was mined and smelted. This iron had for decades been teamed to Bangor, and when the B. & P. was built, to Brownville; but this was a slow and costly method, and so the little railroad was built, and for years, while the iron works managed to keep going, had plenty of business.

Bert Brown of Brookline, Vt., tackled a bobcat barehanded and killed it. He heard a noise in his hen house and on investigation, found the cat attempting to escape through the meshes of the hencoop wire. He reached in, grabbed the animal by the hind legs and swung it over his shoulder. The bobcat's head hit a beam and he dropped limp and lifeless. None of the Brown chicks were killed and he was also overjoyed to learn later that the state pays a bounty of $8 on bobcats. The cat measured 38 inches.

First Paid Lecturers.

One of the first lecturers to receive a fee in the days when lyceum programs were generally given free of charge was Daniel Webster, to whom Concord, Mass., paid $100 for a single lecture. Ralph Waldo Emerson, however, may be said to have created the profession.

To Make Mirror Shine.

Here is an excellent way to make the mirror sparkle. Add sufficient cold tea to whiting to make a paste; first rub the mirror with a warm, soft cloth, then rub the paste on the mirror and polish with tissue paper.

By No Means the Same Thing.

There's a vast difference between having nothing to do and being out of a job.

Jupiter May Be Inhabited.

The French astronomer Flammarion says there is a possibility that Jupiter is inhabited.

BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

For Week Ending Dec. 16, 1922
Prepared by U. S. Bureau of Markets
and Crop Estimates

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Butter market rules steady with the bulk of trading on storage goods. Dealers are offering goods more freely but are not willing to make concessions in order to make sales. Speculative demand is lacking and users are very conservative in their purchases. Fresh: Western extras 54c; storage 48½c; Northern Extras fresh 54½-55½c. Cheese market is rather dull with very little trading. Dealers are holding firm to asking prices and express considerable confidence in present situation. Sales reported are mostly small peddling lots for immediate use. Held cheese: Twins 27½-28c; Single Daisies 27½-28½c; Young Americas 27½-28c. Egg market rules firm on both fresh and storage. Buyers are looking for finer quality eggs on both. Fresh eggs are comparatively short but supply is sufficient to meet current needs of buyers. The movement of storage eggs is good at prices unchanged from last week. Fresh: Ordinary receipts 32-50c; Firsts 51-55c; Extra firsts 60-62c; Extras 63-64c. Refrigerators:—Seconds 27½-30c; Firsts 31-32½c; Extra firsts 33-34½c. Dressed Poultry trade rather quiet with demand and movement slow. Heavy fowl (4½-6 lb) 30-33c; Chickens (4½-6) 32-36c; (3½-4 lb) 26-30c. Live poultry continues firm under fair demand with good fowl and chickens cleaning up well. Fowl 21-26c; Chickens 21-25c; Leghorns 18-21c.

BRIGHTON LIVE STOCK AND BOSTON WESTERN DRESSED MEAT MARKET.

Hog receipts moderate and market lower with a few sales at $8.10-8.40. Receipts of butcher cattle light, market lower. Cows and heifers $3.00-5.50. Bologna bulls $3.00-4.00, canner cows and heifers $2.00-2.50 per 100lb. Veal calves, light weight, selling at $7.00-13.40, with heavyweight $5.00-7.00 per 100 lb. Good cows steady at $8.00-10.00, and common at $7.00-7.50 per 100 lb. Bulls were offered in only small quantities. Medium grade western dressed veal steady at $11.00-12.00 per 100 lb. The lamb market was weak under light demand. Choice lambs about $1.00 lower at $24.00-26.00, and medium $21.00-22.00 per 100 lb Mutton remains steady, good grade bringing $11.00-12.00, with a few wethers at $13.00-14.00 per 100 lb.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Trading was not active but cabbage, onions and root vegetables remained firm. Shipped in; New York State A 2¾ and 3 Baldwin apples steady at $4.50-5.00 a barrel. Long Island Brussels sprouts weak at 20-22c a quart. New York State Danish cabbage higher at mostly $2.25 a barrel. New Norfolk cabbage $3.75 a barrel crate. California Cauliflower lower at $3.50 a crate. California celery firm at $6.50-7.00 a crate. Cape Cod cranberries steady at $9.00-11.00 a barrel. Louisiana endive lower at $5.50, and escarole steady at $4.00-4.50 a barrel. California Iceberg lettuce steady at $5.50 a crate. Onions higher at $3.00-3.12½ per 100 lb bag for Michigans and $2.25-2.50 a bag for Massachusetts stock. Maine potatoes unchanged at $1.30-1.40 per 100 lb sack. Norfolk spinich declined, then recovered to $2.50-3.00 a barrel. Southern sweet potatoes sold mostly at 65c-1.10 a bu. hamper. Native; Good Baldwin apples steady at $1.50-1.75 a bu. box. Savoy cabbage higher at $1.75-2.25 a barrel. Celery firm at $2.50-3.50 a box for white and $3.50-5.00 for Pascal. Native lettuce higher at 40c-1.00 a box Blue hubbard squash higher at 3½-4c a pound. Root vegetables at the following prices a bu.: Beets $1.50-2.00; carrots $1.50-1.75; parsnips $1.75-2.25; turnips $1.00-1.25.

The Lewiston-Auburn, Me., Pastors' Union, at its annual meeting in Auburn expressed in no uncertain terms its position with regard to a petition now being circulated in Auburn in favor of making Sunday an open day for hunting.

Hunting within the city limits, David Hamilton shot a large white snow owl a few yards from his back door in East Deerfield, Me. Mr. Hamilton was at first attacked by the bird, but fought it off to a distance, where it was brought down.

"The danger signal of high taxes is surely flying, and unless we call a halt of expenditures we surely shall suffer the inevitable consequences," William J. Thomspon of China, master of the Maine state grange, declared in his report read at the annual meeting of the organization. He declared for "economy and thrift in the old-fashioned way."

That steps may be taken by the Federal Government to regulate Steamships carrying fuel oil and other petroleum products into Massachusetts waters, in order to stop pollution of the waters, was revealed through the visit of Frederick W. Lane, representing the United States Bureau of Mines, at the office of Commissioner of Public Safety Alfred F. Foote.

Rev. Edward P. Lee, one of the oldest clergymen in Episcopal diocese of Vermont, died at Brightlook Hospital St. Johnsbury after months of failing health. He was for years rector of the Episcopal Church in Island Pond, Vt. He was 82 years old, served in the civil war as captain of a Vermont regiment and was one of the oldest graduates of Amherst College.

Capt. B. Frank Taylor, said to be the only person ever born on Egg Rock, off Nahant, Mass., died last week at his home on Wharf street, Nahant. In the old-time picture, "Saved," which was lithographed and widely distributed many years ago, Capt. Taylor was the baby whom a big Newfoundland dog held dripping wet in his mouth at the edge of a dock.

The subject of compulsory liability insurance for all automobile owners, defeated in the Massachusetts Legislature for several years, will come up again on the 1923 session, under th provisions of the bill filed by Senator elect Abbott B. Rice of Newton. The bill differs from those of other years in that it provides that a state automobile insurance fund shall be created so that the profits from the business will go to the state rather than to the casualty companies.

Has a Skyscraper.

In central Massachusetts, east of the Connecticut valley, is a ridge of hills, which, after crossing into New Hampshire, sends up a well-known watch tower known as Mount Monadnock, 3,186 feet, says the American Forestry Magazine. This range continues northward sending up an occsional peak like Mount Sunapee, the southern Kearsarge and Mount Cardigan.

Right In Her Line.

She was in high feather, as she had succeeded in securing a "plus four" man to take her around. "Do you like a high tee?" he inquired at the first tee. "Rather, George," was her enthusiastic reply; "let's make it sausages and bacon."—London Answers.

London's "Mansion House."

The official residence of the lord mayor or London was built between 1739 and 1753.

ESTABLISHED 1838.

The Oxford Democrat.

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Here and There.

Residents of India must be becoming less palatable, or the animals of that country more fussy about what they eat. At any rate fewer people have been killed by wild animals in that country than in previous years; but there were enough of them. According to statistics, 2360 people were killed in British India during 1921, against 3932 in the previous year. India, as everybody knows, possesses a large variety of wild animals of savage disposition, and it may be interesting to know which it was that took most kindly to British beef or Indian rice. Tigers were responsible for 1454 deaths, leopards for 660, wolves for 556, bears for 69, elephants for 70 and hyenas for 10. Snakes, however, have a greater antipathy to human life in India than animals. They were responsible for 19,396 deaths in 1921; but even they were not so irritable last year as in 1920 when the human toll to snake bites were 20,043 lives.

What sounds paradoxical is that a radio message sent from the United States to the Hawaiian Islands reached its destination a day before it was sent, owing to the difference of time between the two places. This has led the Biddeford Journal to declare that when aviation, which appears to be the fastest mode of transportation to date, is better known, a man flying to Hawaii may meet himself coming back.

There seems to be a great rush among women as to who shall be the first to do things usually considered the exclusive actions of a man. Down in the town of Plymouth, Mrs. Ralph Shaw thought she could collect the taxes as well as a man, so she ran for that office in 1921, was elected and was reelected in 1922. She made good in collecting the taxes, but that did not satisfy her, so within a week or so she went hunting for new laurels. Along with the collectorship goes the office of constable as a necessary adjunct. A week or two since a complaint was made against a man in her town for assault and battery, and the warrant was given to Mrs. Shaw to serve. She made good in this also and got her man.

Oxford County Notes.

A. D. Loo, a former student at Hebron Academy, left Lewiston Tuesday for Boston, on the first leg of a journey that will take him half way around the globe, Honolulu being his destination. Mr. Loo's father is one of the leading merchants on the Hawaiian Islands. Young Loo plans to return to this country next spring to resume his studies at Bates College.

Cornelius M. Holland is a man not very well remembered in the state of Maine and Oxford County, but at one time he was prominent in both divisions of territory. His name is brought forward at this particular time because seventy-five years ago the present week he received his appointment as postmaster at Canton. Later (from 1829 to 1833) he represented this district in congress.

The Eastern Argus had an item in its issue of December 18, 1822, to the effect that Elijah L. Hamlin of Paris had that day given the cabinet of the Mineralogical Society in Portland three beautiful specimens of tourmalines. Mr. Hamlin in connection with Dr. Ezekiel Holmes had discovered Mount Mica two years previous to this date, and before that time tourmalines were unknown in the state of Maine.

One hundred years ago the present month two young men, who afterwards became prominent lawyers and citizens of the state of Maine, were admitted to the bar. One was Elijah L. Hamlin of Paris, who opened a law office in the city of Bangor, where he became a prominent citizen. He was somewhat of a politician, but not so successful as his brother Hannibal, and he was opposed to him in political belief being a Whig, which party never "cut much ice," as the saying is, in the state of Maine. The other was Jairus S. Keith, who was a life long resident of Oxford, where he was prominent as a lawyer and citizen.

Julia A. C. Bean, 1833-1922.

In the above span of years—the life of our friend who has gone—there came to her such scenes and events in the world's progress that we who knew her so well often overlooked or forgot until we sat down for a quiet talk and then her wonderful memory would bring back so much to us more especially perhaps regarding Brownfield and its earlier inhabitants.

Of loved ones now gone she had a fund of reminiscences. To those who were closest and loved so dearly the dear soul who just at noon of Thanksgiving Day fell asleep in this life, there came a feeling of irreparable loss. We in Brownfield loved and appreciated this beautiful life which has gone and there is real sorrow in many hearts to-day. She is gone but the sweet memory of her happy and devoted life will linger for aye. Closely in touch with so many things that came with the years perhaps her being the wife of Major Sylvanus B. Bean, who was the father of Daniel G. Bean, Brownfield's first boy to fall in the civil war and for whom one Grand Army Post is named, will stand out most prominently. The years of '61-'64 were years of suspense and sorrow to her. She would speak of the events of that time as if it were but yesterday.

All her life she kept closely in touch with passing events and of Brownfield she had a fund of information. How often my now sainted mother would say "Julia Bean will know." My mother knew and loved her dearly and they were much together all their lives. Perhaps they have met in the Great Beyond. I like to think so and to think what a beautiful reunion in the Heaven they both loved so well. They were truly God's children.

Brownfield misses Mrs. Bean in more ways than one and a loving soul has left us to sorrow in her passing but glory is hers and may we meet her again some day. CHARLES C. STICKNEY.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

Paris Hill.

Services at Paris Hill Baptist church every Sunday at 10:45. Sunday School at 12. Sunday evening service at 7:30. Thursday evening prayer meetings at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Valley are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son on Christmas morning. As one resident puts it: "A little Valley on top of the Hill."

Mrs. Edward L. Parris, E. L. Parris, Jr., Percival J. and Virgil K. Parris and Kendall Barr of this place and Mrs. Mary B. Carter and Miss Julia Carter of Montclair, N. J., were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Davis at their home in South Paris.

The many friends of Fred W. Shaw, who has been very ill with pneumonia, will be glad to learn that he is making excellent recovery. He is so much better as to get along now without the services of a nurse and sat up in bed Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Atwood spent Christmas with the family of their son, William E. Atwood, in Portland.

The community Christmas tree at the church Saturday evening was well attended and many little ones made happy by gifts, a considerable number of which were donated by Miss Mary P. Burchfield, Miss Gene McKinney, Admiral Kimball and other summer residents who always keep a warm spot in their hearts for Paris Hill and its people.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies, Mission Society will be held on Wednesday at 3 P. M. with Mrs. N. A. Cummings. Mrs. Carlson will speak of her recent trip to Philadelphia, and missionaries she met while there, at the World's W. C. T. U. Convention.

Prayer meeting will be held this week at 7:30 on Wednesday evening.

Master Perley Whitney of North Waterford was the guest of his brother, Arland Whitney, over the Christmas holiday.

Mrs. M. C. Snow is spending the winter in St. Augustine, Fla., where she is at the Dunham House.

WHITTEMORE SCHOOL NOTES.

The Whittemore school closed Friday afternoon with Christmas exercises. Every pupil was present. Following is the program:

PART I.

Greeting—The Christmas Snow Bird, ... Louise Colby
Song—Why do Bells of Christmas Ring?...School
Story—The Night of the Star, Told and illustrated by Mrs. Gliddon
Chant—Christmas ..... Grades 5-8
Recitation—The First Christmas Eve, ... Laura Colby
Songs—Luther's Cradle Hymn, Merry, Merry, Christmas Bells,...School

PART II.

Recitation—The Jolliest Time of the Year, ... Thelma Lawrence
Poem in Relay—'Twas the Night Before Christmas, ... Grades 5-8
Recitation—Guiding Santa Claus, ... Alno Niskanen
Recitation—Confidence in St. Nicholas, ... Jane Blouin
Recitation—The Mysterious Visitor, ... Rose Blouin
Recitation—Unselfish Santa, ... Kenneth Lawrence
Song—If You're Good, ... School
Recitation—Santa is Coming, ... Jenne Blouin
Recitation—Sly Santa Claus, ... Ellsworth Lawrence
Recitation—Santa's Mistakes, ... Mary Blouin
Dialogue—Come Again Santa, Hilary Lawrence, John Blouin
Song—Santa in the Northland, ... School

PART III.

Story—Why the Christmas Tree is Evergreen, Dramatized by Grades 3-8
Recitation—How the Tree Became a Christmas Tree, ... Curtis Thayer
Recitation—Within Our Hearts a Christmas Tree, ... Colby Thayer
Song—Harken to the Sleigh Bells, ... School
Arrival of Santa Himself.
Unloading the Christmas Tree.

Wilson's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hart have a new daughter, who arrived Dec. 8th.

Monday, Elwyn Storey carried Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cameron, J. W. Bucknam and Mrs. Leon Bennett and little son to Berlin. Mrs. Bennett goes to Bath to spend the holidays with her people, and the others were en route for Boston and vicinity.

C. C. Linnell carried Mrs. Lewis Leavitt to Berlin Thursday to receive medical treatment. The following morning Mrs. Leavitt's mother, Mrs. Hannah Sargent, dropped dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Thurston, at Errol.

Kit DeMuellar lost a pair of horses Saturday, when they broke through the ice on the lake.

Albany.

Mrs. C. G. Beckler was taken with chills Friday night, and has been very sick. Dr. Tibbetts was out two or three times. She is better now.

Myrtle Beckler came home Monday. She is teaching in Aroostook, in a log house.

Fred Littlefield traded horses with John F. Sylvester, and John is cutting birch for him.

Six inches of snow Monday morning, and the roller was out on the roads.

Fred Littlefield has four teams hauling pulp, and George Briggs is hauling wood to Bethel for him.

Clarence McAllister and John McAllister went with pulp, George Cummings and S. G. Bean with wood, and A. A. Bruce was at Bethel and hauled in a load of grain and oil.

Everett Dunham from Gardiner came Sunday to visit his uncle, Allen Cummings.

Dr. W. B. Twaddle was at Alton Paine's Monday and Tuesday. Her brother, Millard Littlefield, from Waterford, is spending his vacation with her.

W. I. Beckler and C. G. Beckler were hauling strips to Bethel Tuesday.

C. D. Conner took a load of potatoes to Bethel Friday.

S. G. Bean bought two young calves of Bert Sanborn at Bethel.

Lovell.

Mrs. Carrie Rose, wife of Charles Rose, of East Fryeburg, formerly of Lovell, died Dec. 10th at the home of her sister in Bridgton, where she had gone for medical treatment. She had been in poor health for some months and has left a husband and six children, the oldest fourteen and youngest only three months. The baby will be kindly cared for by her sister, Mrs. Bennett Mc Daniels, for the present.

Herbert Adams of North Lovell and East Stoneham was drowned in Lake Kezar Dec. 10th. Mr. Adams has run a boarding house and several camps near the head of the lake for several years and was living there at the time of the accident. Returning from the post office at East Stoneham Sunday afternoon, he attempted to cross on the ice, which at that time was not thick enough to bear his weight. The body was not recovered until the next day. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Lillian Frost, and two children, the oldest of whom is at tending Norway High School.

The home of Albert Hutchins, Fish Street, Fryeburg, burned Dec. 19. The chimney burned out several hours before and the fire when discovered in the woodwork was beyond control. A part of the furniture was saved, also the nice barn across the street was saved. About twenty cords of dry wood were burned in the shed. The family were fortunate to secure the cottage of C. W. Farrington in which to live.

North Paris.

North Paris Primary School: Those having 100 per cent in spelling for week ending Dec. 22: Lois A. Childs, Roland S. Curtis, Windsor L. Abbott, Ora M. Gibbs, Esther J. Wheeler, Rachel G. Curtis, Vernol M. Haata. Absent only 1-2 day during term: Esther J. Wheeler. Absent only one day during term: Ora M. Gibbs, Lois A. Childs, Vernol M. Haata, Horace E. Farris. Those not tardy during term: Lillian N. Rose, Lois A. Childs, Esther J. Wheeler, Vernol M. Haata.

Andover.

Y. A. Thurston has gone to Spotsdale, Penn., to visit his son, Cedric Thurston, and family.

There was a public whist party and dance in the town hall Thursday evening, which was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dow are guests of relatives in Lisbon.

Frank Marshall of Dixfield visited friends in town recently.

West Paris.

Melvin Sherman Bubier passed away Friday morning, Dec. 22, at his home on Church Street after an illness of more than one year from anemia of the blood, although until the past two weeks he had been around the house and on the streets. Mr. Bubier was the son of Dexter and Hannah Bubier, and was born in South Gardiner. He was 52 years of age. He was united in marriage 28 years ago with Miss Helene Bacon of Paris, who survives him, also a brother Frank Bubier of Harrison, and a sister, Mrs. Mabel Bacon of West Paris. He also leaves to mourn his loss a niece, Ola Kimball of Haverhill, Mass., to whom he and Mrs. Bubier had been foster parents since the death of her mother in early childhood. Mr. Bubier was a member of West Paris Lodge, I. O. O. F., Onward Rebekah Lodge, No. 29, Mollyocket Encampment, and West Paris Grange, all of which attended the funeral service. Mr. Bubier was a highly respected citizen, of good habits and industrious. The funeral was held from his home Sunday at 1 o'clock, Rev. Chester Gore Miller of South Paris officiating, assisted by Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes. There were pretty flowers. The interment was in West Paris cemetery.

The children of the Universalist Sunday School enjoyed a Christmas tree and social from seven until nine in Good Will Hall.

Miss Emma Eleanor West of South Paris sang at the Universalist church Sunday morning, Dec. 17. Her singing was enjoyed and appreciated.

The Pine Cone Club of Onward Rebekah Lodge, No. 29, held a sale of fancy articles, candy, aprons and food, on Thursday afternoon. Luncheon was served of sandwiches and coffee, and a card party was enjoyed in the evening. The proceeds were entirely satisfactory.

Vernal Bates and son of New Haven, Conn., arrived Saturday morning to spend Christmas Day with Mr. Bates' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates.

Buckfield.

A party of over one hundred friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Rosalvo Crockett assembled at Odd Fellows' Hall Wednesday evening to extend congratulations to them on the eve of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and incidentally to present them with a purse of money in token of the esteem in which they are held in this community, where they have passed so many years together.

Mr. Crockett was born in Hartford, a son of Enoch and Esther J. (Monk) Crockett, who moved to this town when Mr. Crockett was four years of age. Mrs. Crockett was a native of the town, and is a daughter of America Farrar and Arminta Deane, who was a native of Paris. Mrs. Crockett was born in the old Buckfield House, a hotel which was well known all over the state in the old days. They have one daughter, Mrs. Geo. W. Haskell of South Paris, and one grandson, Harold A. Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Crockett have been active members of the Buckfield church and the Rebekahs for many years. Mr. Crockett is a Past Noble Grand of Nezinscot Lodge, I. O. O. F., and a member of Evening Star Lodge of Masons.

There was a program consisting of a trombone solo by Luther Irish, a violin solo by Mrs. Thos. Given, a reading by Mrs. Frank Allen, and selections on the Edison by A. T. Cole. Remarks were made by Rev. F. P. Dresser, H. A. Irish, Geo. Haskell and Mrs. Haskell. A. F. Cloutier made the presentation speech, and C. S. Childs presided. The ladies of the Rebekah Lodge furnished refreshments of cake and coffee, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

The Holy Howlers met at Mrs. H. A. Murch's Thursday evening for a rehearsal, and an oyster stew was served.

Mrs. Louise Bisbee of Dixfield, who has been here for a few weeks with her son, Stanley Bisbee, went to Portland Friday to be with her daughter, Mrs. Everett Josselyn, for a while.

There was a Christmas social at the school house under the auspices of the Literary Society of the high school.

O. S. Thurlow was operated on at his home here Monday for appendicitis. Dr. Webber of Lewiston, assisted by Dr. Heald, performed the operation. Mr. Thurlow is reported as gaining.

Mrs. Nulty was at home from Lewiston Thursday, and reports Mr. Nulty as gaining from his recent operation at St. Marie's Hospital.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper died Friday, and the funeral was held Saturday afternoon at the home.

Hebron.

The entertainment Thursday evening by the Duval Brothers was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Prof. Dwyer was in Lewiston Friday.

The students are now back in their old quarters in Atwood Hall.

Fred I. Sturtevant had electric lights put in his house last week.

Fred C. Sturtevant has had a bad case of blood poisoning in his hand, but was doing well at last report.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kingsley from Great Barrington, Mass., Miss Kingsley from Boston, and Miss Elizabeth Kingsley from Colby are at home for the Christmas holidays, making the Kingsley family complete.

Drew Stearns is at home from the University of Maine.

Prof. R. R. Thompson was in Lewiston Saturday.

Kwai Loo, who has been at Alton Hibbs' for a while, left Monday for his home in Honolulu. He was for some time a student at the academy here, and then went to Bates for a special course, and later to Valparaiso, Ind.

H. K. Stearns and Wm. Daniels started their portable saw mill Monday morning on the C. H. George place. They expect to keep busy through the winter and spring, and have a large crew getting out lumber and tending the mill.

Miss Marion Cummings is at home from Colby for the Christmas holidays.

All sorts of weather, zero Tuesday, 10° below Wednesday, and 18° above Thursday.

South Woodstock.

Fred Beck will move his family to Hartford Center for the winter, next week.

Carroll Cummings was in Portland Thursday.

Miss Edith Farrington is at home from her school in Oxford for the holidays.

Mrs. Fred Hendrickson was in Lewiston and Auburn Wednesday and Thursday. Her daughters, Misses Myrtle and Mary Hendrickson, returned home with her for the Christmas recess.

Mrs. Dora Reed was in Lewiston shopping Monday.

Mrs. Sabrina Jackson has returned to her home in South Paris after a week's visit with A. M. Andrews.

Mrs. Clarinda Felt, who met with quite a serious accident recently, is reported about the same. Mrs. Inez Whitman has been caring for her the past week.

Fred Beck's telephone switch will soon be transferred to Frank Littlehale's.

Andrew Rose had the misfortune to fall in the woods the other day and injure one or more of his ribs.

West Peru.

N. S. Stowell Co. have moved a large boiler to their new mill at Dickvale.

Manley Farrar is cutting birch near Hedgehog Mountain.

Gerald Tracy has begun hauling birch to Dixfield.

Several teams are hauling bark for Stinson.

R. S. Tracy is sick in bed with kidney trouble.

Benjamin Roberts, who recently cut his foot badly, is suffering much pain.

East Sumner.

Israel Gammon, son of James G. Gammon, was taken to a Lewiston hospital for an operation for appendicitis last week.

Mrs. Ezra Keene was at Lewiston several days last week, the guest of Agnes M. Heald.

Sharon Robinson visited Lewiston on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bonney visited his brother and son at Lewiston last week.

Allie S. Barrows has gone to Massachusetts for treatment for ill health.

The senior class of Buckfield High School will present the drama "Down in Maine" at East Sumner on Friday evening, Dec. 29.

Bethel.

Ceylon Rowe died Thursday morning. He has had a long sickness. He owned and operated one of the largest stores in town for over forty years, but for the past ten years his son, Herbert C. Rowe, has run the store. He will be greatly missed, as he is one of Bethel's landmarks.

Locke's Mills.

Orlando Jordan and Gladys Dunham were married Dec. 16, and are going to keep house upstairs in the rent occupied by Ansel Jordan.

Mrs. Lydia Varney died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Crockett, Dec. 19. She had been quite sick for a long time, and was very tenderly cared for by her daughter.

George Hudson has gone to Newark, N. J., where he expects to spend the winter.

Robert Farnham was at his home in Milton over the holiday.

Mrs. Mattie Swift has sold her farm to F. W. Bennett.

Eben Rand is at home over the Christmas recess.

There was a Christmas tree at the church Friday evening, with the usual exercises by the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McAllister are stopping at Raynor Littlefield's for a few weeks.

Azel Bryant was at Bryant's Pond Saturday on business.

Dickvale.

Ernest Sturtevant and son Roland were in Rumford Monday.

B. C. Putnam and daughters Andrey and Bernardine were in Rumford Wednesday.

Miss Josephine Roberts has returned to her home here from Mechanic Falls.

Roscoe Tracy is ill. Dr. J. S. Sturtevant attends him.

Elgin Rafuse's mother from Nova Scotia has come to spend the winter with him.

Recitations by pupils of our school here were had on Friday. Mrs. Richards, the teacher, goes to her home in Mexico to spend Christmas.

John Shaw has arrived home from Portland to spend the holidays.

Delta Lodge.

Delta Lodge, F. and A. M., of Lovell have elected the following officers:

W. M.—W. C. Brooks.
S. W.—H. W. Merrill.
Sec.—S. F. Heald.
Treas.—G. W. Walker.
J. W.—J. S. Plummer.
S. D.—Fred Kimball.
J. D.—O. Hamilton.
Finance Com.—E. J. Noyes, G. H. Moore, G. A. Kimball.

Waterford Grange.

Waterford Grange has elected the following officers:

M.—Howard Allen.
O.—Linwood A. Flint.
Chap.—Mary Lebroke.
Lecturer—Ella Marston.
Steward—Harold Saunders.
Asst. Steward—Rex Martin.
Ceres—Lavaun Allen.
Pomona—Leora Abbott.
Flora—Ella Lebroke.
G. K.—David H. Lebroke.
Sec.—Susie Moores.
Treas.—Bert J. Flint.
L. A. S.—Blanche Long.

White Oak Temple.

White Oak Temple, Pythian Sisters, South Waterford, have elected the following officers:

M. E. C.—Nora McKinney.
E. S.—Lizzie McKinney.
E. J.—Helen F. Everett.
M.—Marjorie Kinsman.
M. of R. and C.—Emma F. Saunders.
M. of F.—Ida Morgan.
P.—Eva Muller.
G.—Marion Hamlin.
Member of Trustees—Frances Grover.
Representative—Nellie Stone.
Alternate—Ida Holden.
Press Correspondent—Emma Saunders.
Drill Master—W. E. Abbott.

Naccomi Temple.

Mrs. Grace Starbird of South Paris will go to Bethel and install the officers of Naccomi Temple, Pythian Sisters, recently elected. They are as follows:

M. E. C.—Hester Sanborn.
E. S.—Carrie French.
E. J.—Alice Littlehale.
M. F.—Constance Wheeler.
M. R. C.—Minnie Bennett.
M.—Edith Rollins.
P.—Evelyn Briggs.
G.—Mary Brown.
F. C.—Helen Baker.
D. C.—Bernice Spearrin.
Pianist—Fanny Billings.
Press C.—Hester Sanborn.
Rep.—Helen Baker.
Aid.—Arvilla Morgan.

Maine News Notes.

George B. Kenniston of Boothbay Harbor, Me., has presented his state with a flag made from the flannel shirts worn by Union soldiers confined in the Confederate prison at Salisbury, N. C.

Alice Goodrich of East Skowhegan went into the shed of her home the other day and found herself face to face with a large fox. Quickly shutting the door, she hurried for help and the fox was soon a dead one. The pelt was worth $12.

The Bangor & Aroostook Railroad have announced the total game shipments from 43 different stations during the past open season to be 2089 deer and 16 bears. As compared to the record of last season there were 727 less deer but 10 more bears reported killed.

The Thomas mansion, Portland, erected at State and Danforth Streets, in 1800, has been acquired by the Rt. Rev. Louis S. Walsh, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Portland, and will be probably replaced by a large modern brick school building. The house was formerly occupied by the late George A. Thomas and Miss Charlotte J. Thomas. The latter, referred to and loved by thousands of Portlanders as "Aunt Charlotte," was famous for her hospitality up to the time of her death in 1920. She was one of the most familiar figures in Portland and always kept open house in the mansion of her father.

The trustees of the Eastern Maine General Hospital at Bangor have received an anonymous contribution of $75,000 from a man who says that he wants to be known only as a "friend," and who the trustees say is an entire stranger and unknown to them. In a letter accompanying the gift, the donor says: "In consequence of such data as I have obtained, I feel that the work of this hospital is well worth sustaining and I take pleasure in enclosing my check for $75,000 intended for the purpose of such reconstruction as may enable the hospital to be conducted more economically to the extent of a saving of from $12,000 to $15,000 annually."

On the walls of hundreds of Maine homes has hung that famous old-time picture "Saved." Capt. B. Frank Taylor, who was the baby whom the big Newfoundland dog held dripping wet in his mouth, died this week at his home in Nahant, Mass. He is said to have been the only person ever born on Egg Rock, off Nahant. Capt. Taylor succeeded his father as keeper of the now abandoned light on Egg Rock and later went to the mainland in charge of the wharf on Tudor Street. Surviving him are three children, Mrs. Earl Dow of Nahant, Mrs. Roy Myers of Lynn, Mass., and Arthur Taylor of Portland, and a sister, Mrs. John R. Moore of Lynn, Mass.

Students enrolled in the University of Maine R. O. T. C. unit are welcoming Capt. Leon S. Norris, one of the instructors, who has just returned to the campus after three months' leave, during which time he visited his old home in Nebraska. Capt. Norris, a veteran of the world war, who has since served two years in Panama with the regular army, is one of the most popular and most efficient members of the military staff stationed here. He entered the service in May, 1917, and came to Maine in May, 1921. He served here all of last year, going away last September on his leave of absence. He will resume his position in the class room and on the drilling field the first of next term.

J. Howard Wilson of New York City has just completed the building of a brick museum at a cost of $130,000, a gift to Castine. The building is near the site of old Fort Pentagoet and will contain Dr. Wilson's valuable collection, covering the period from the stone age down to the days of the American Indian before Columbus arrived. The Wilson Museum is a single room structure, 100 feet long and 50 feet wide. It is expected that there will be a formal opening with exercises by the Castine Scientific Society, a corporation which has been formed to supervise the running of the museum, which will also have historical articles relating to the early history of Castine.

John D. Long's Diary.

The diary of the late John D. Long, which is being run in the Atlantic Monthly, is creating considerable interest and has been noticed to quite an extent and commented upon in the press.

Mr. Long was a graduate of Hebron Academy, Harvard College and Law School. He began the practice of law in his native village. In regard to this the New York Times has this to say:

"Buckfield had thirty-six dwelling houses, 225 inhabitants, one church and three lawyers' offices. When he grew up John Davis was wise to emigrate. Buckfield didn't offer too rosy prospects for a budding advocate. Besides, Oxford was a Democratic county, whereas Zadoc Long, a retired prosperous storekeeper, a cultivated man who now and then wrote verses, was a Whig, beaten for Congress in 1838, and a presidential elector for 'Tippecanoe and Tyler too' in 1840. John Davis was thus a hereditary poet, who was to translate the Æneid. At nine, with his father's aid, he is composing rhymes which wouldn't look out of place in the contemporary all-poetry magazines:

"My garments are of varied hue,
Of green and red and navy blue;
My pants are darn'd and mended neat
With air-proof patches on the seat.

"He had already read the Bible through, or almost through, a chapter a day and three on Sunday. His Biblical studies were not, alas!—quite without taint of mammon. Many ancients among us will appreciate this passage:

"When I get through, Mother is to give me a knife, a wallet and a sack coat for next summer. Father is to give me a dollar."

"He was to read 'Ivanhoe' next summer, but father didn't want him to read novels until he had read 'every many other books and was older.'"

Here is another extract: "Father is always reproaching the diarist for his bad penmanship. His spelling was a little whimsical, too. Thus we find him reading the first and second chapters of 'Gallations.' Mr. Walker delivers a temperance lecture on May 26. Was it anything like the boy's composition written on July 24, or was that affected by the Rev. Mr. Butler's 'oration on Temperance' delivered July 4? At any rate, John's is delicious:

"Intemperance is a great evil. It is a great evil because if we are made drunk by folks, we shall be led on to gambling; and then, perhaps, be led on to stealing, to get money to gamble with, and then lose that by gambling. After we lose that, we may murder some one for money; and then be found out and put into State's prison, and then hung; all this comes from intemperance. I hope there is no one at our school who will be a rum drinker, or a rum seller, except when it is necessary for people to put on wounds that are very bad."

A decidedly uneconomic feature of the marketing business is revealed by the following news dispatch: "Charles M. White and J. Thomas Dionne of the Division of Markets, Department of Agriculture, were in Portland Tuesday in conference with Armour's egg and poultry man, with a view of stopping some of the shipments of eggs now going to Boston and having them marketed in the Maine markets, inasmuch as this concern alone is obliged to ship eggs from the west and were candling out a carload of eggs at that time for the Christmas trade. It is hoped to develop a plan for increasing the size of country shipments, thereby making it worth while to partially grade eggs before they leave the country."

Florence M. Hale of Augusta, state agent for rural education in Maine, is the most in demand for educational lecturing of any woman in New England. This season she has been on state convention programs of Delaware, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine, and of big sectional convention programs in Massachusetts. She is one of the best informed leaders in treating country life problems, and has a rare gift of presenting the solution of these problems.

A gain of about 1000 members in the farm bureaus of the state and of 250 in the boys' and girls' clubs was reported at the winter conference of the county agents, home demonstration agents and field workers of the extension service of the University of Maine College of Agriculture at Orono Tuesday.

An abandoned rats' nest expensively decorated with good currency of the Republic was the recent discovery of Millard Lane, a well known farmer of Prospect, when he opened a neglected drawer in an old bureau which was filled with an accumulation of paid bills and other family documents. Mr. Lane's amazement was complete for he was wholly unaware of the existence of any money in the drawer, the treasure hoard evidently having been secreted by a maiden aunt who died a number of years ago. The tattered bills in tens and fives, with all the fragments have been forwarded for redemption through the Stockton Springs Trust Co. All of $60 is to be identified easily and the government experts may make even more than that from the wreck.

FOR SALE.

One set good one horse sleds with shafts and pole or would exchange for two-horse sled.

52 B. Y. RUSSELL.

Bids for School Wood.

I will receive sealed bids, up to Jan. 8, for 10 to 15 cords of wood for the South Paris schools. Address

A. B. HAYES,
Supt. of Schools, South Paris.
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STATE OF MAINE.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated,

IT IS hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1923, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Charles C. Davis late of Oxford, deceased; petition that Ida J. Davis be appointed as administratrix of the estate of said deceased to act without bond presented by said Ida J. Davis, widow.

Clara M. Dunham late of Dixfield, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of James Willis Dunham as executor thereof to act without bond as expressed in said will presented by said James Willis Dunham, the executor therein named.

Jesse L. Ridlon late of Sweden, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Isabel H. Ridlon as executrix of the same to act without bond as expressed in said will presented by said Isabel H. Ridlon, the executrix therein named.

Zina E. Stone late of Lowell, Massachusetts, deceased; resignation of Benton L. Swift presented by said Benton L. Swift, now trustee.

Paul Roderick late of Oxford, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Roscoe F. Staples, administrator.

Charles R. Hussey late of Paris, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Alva M. Andrews, administrator.

Zina E. Stone late of Lowell, Massachusetts, deceased; sixth account presented for allowance by Benton L. Swift, trustee.

Lizzie L. Allen late of Buckfield, deceased; final account presented for allowance by William C. Allen, administrator.

Charles R. Hussey late of Paris deceased; petition for order to distribute balance remaining in his hands presented by Alva M. Andrews, administrator.

Paul Roderick late of Oxford, deceased; petition for order to distribute balance remaining in his hands presented by Roscoe F. Staples, administrator.

Zina E. Stone late of Lowell, Massachusetts, deceased; petition that Russell B. Swift be appointed trustee under the will of said deceased presented by Benton L. Swift, now trustee.

Oscar W. Parsons late of Paris, deceased; petition for an allowance out of personal estate presented by Luella M. Parsons, widow.

Julia F. Thorne late of Hartford, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Effie R. Davenport, trustee.

Charles H. Tibbetts late of Fryeburg, deceased; ninth and final account presented for allowance by the Portland Trust Company, trustee.

Charles H. Tibbetts late of Fryeburg, deceased; petition for order to distribute balance remaining in its hands presented by the Portland Trust Company, trustee.

Witness, ARETAS E. STEARNS, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-two.

52-2 ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

L. F. Pike Co.

MEN'S CLOTHING STORES

CHRISTMAS IS OVER

We Are Ready for Business Again!
Shall Look for You In Soon!

During the past year we have told you over and over again about OUR RELIABLE GOODS.

ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

Our Two Full Stocked and Attractive Stores. A Tailor to Fit You As You Like.
NO EXTRA CHARGE.

As well as every good thing we could think of without exaggeration in our favor. We realize however that this talk amounts to but little if we do not back these statements with performance and the only way to prove the facts to you is to get you to investigate our stores and goods. WE WANT YOU TO LOOK AT OUR GOODS.

TRY

Clothcraft Suits with the wash tub test.

Kirschbaum Clothes with their reputation

Duofold Underwear

Hatch One Button Unions

You Will Find National Advertised Goods Here

South Paris || Blue Stores || Norway

Z. L. MERCHANT

171 Main Street

Our December End of Month and Pre-Inventory Sale Begins

Tuesday Morning, Dec. 26

We shall offer during this sale staple and seasonable merchandise anywhere from 10 per cent. to 1-4, 1-3 and 1-2 off the regular fair prices. We believe you have found us to do all we advertise, and many times more than advertised. We are not going to disappoint you this time. The following items mentioned are only a few of the many.

The Ready-to-Wear Department

is now offering special values on merchandise of quality and up to the minute at greatly reduced prices.

Coats and Suits

All go in at January Clearance Sale prices, meaning a saving to you of 1-4, 1-3 and even 1-2 off the regular fair prices. Some of the coats are plain and others have fur collars, some have fur collars and cuffs.

Tailored Suits

All the Fall and Winter Suits we have left are priced for not more than half price and for some of them not even half price is asked.

Shirt Waists and Blouses

All of our Silk and Cotton Waists, including the Middie Blouses, are marked down to worth while savings.

Sweaters

A large assortment of the wanted kinds, all go in at mark-down prices during this sale.

Piece Goods

All of our big stock of Silk and Wool Dress Goods go in at 10 per cent. discount during this sale.

Odd lots of Piece Goods grouped together at greatly reduced prices for quick selling. For some of them not more than half their value is asked.

Fancy Articles

See counter of fancy and useful articles including some toys at 1-4 to 1-3 off and on some of them a greater reduction is made.

Stamped Goods

All the Stamped Goods we have left are now priced at 1-3 off the regular prices.

ONE PRICE CASH STORE

NORWAY, MAINE

IS IT YOUR KIDNEYS?

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles. A South Paris Citizen Gives a Valuable Hint.

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary troubles sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is where danger often lies. You should realize that these troubles often lead to dropsy or Bright's disease. An effective remedy for weak or diseased kidneys is Doan's Kidney Pills. Read the experience of a resident of South Paris who has tested Doan's.

Mrs. Mary C. Durell, Myrtle Street, says: "I had an attack of kidney trouble and the worst symptom I had was with the kidney action. My kidneys didn't act right and my back had a weak feeling. I was tired and nervous, until I was told to try Doan's Kidney Pills so I went to the Howard Drug Co.'s store and got two boxes of Doan's. After using them, the trouble left. My kidneys were strengthened and the backache has never returned. I recommend Doan's for the benefit of others suffering from kidney complaint."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan

The Oxford Democrat.

South Paris, Maine, December 26, 1922

SOUTH PARIS.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

At dearest lady of my heart,
I fain would give thee strings of pearls.
And golden bracelets for thy wrists,
And silver ribbons for thy curls,
And rings to twinkle on thy hands,
And jewelled brooches for thy breast,
And regal furs to keep thee warm,
And perfumes of the cosiliest.

Sweet angel of my fondest dreams,
I wish I could present to thee
A Watteau fan o'er which thine eyes
Might beam in tenderness on me,
A Pekin page, a peachblow vase,
Duller cliffons of a bard,
Bursting poor, alack! alas!
Today sent a Christmas card.

—Minna Irving.

Frank McGinley is home from Bates College for the holidays.

H. H. Cushman of Bryant's Pond was in the village Wednesday.

Fred Abbott was in Bethel a short time on Monday of last week.

Edward Sprague of Portland was a guest of Ralph B. Penfold Tuesday and Wednesday.

The village schools closed Friday for the holiday recess. They will open for the winter term on January 8.

Miss Nellie Bannister was one of the guests at the Delta Kappa Epsilon festivities at Bowdoin College Thursday.

The Rallie Class meet with Mrs. Louis Knight Thursday afternoon. The usual covered dish supper will be served at 6:30.

Freeland Bolster and Lawrence Record shot a twelve pound fox on Cobble Hill, south of the village, on Monday of last week.

One of those near-racer open Fords, with runners under the front wheels, looks speedy as it slides about very near the limit if not more so, but cold! B-r-r-r!

Miss Helene Pitts, who has been at her home in this village for the past two weeks, has returned to her duties at the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston.

Miss L. L. Mason was one of the patronesses of the Alpha Delta Phi dance of Bowdoin College, which was held in Hotel Eagle, Brunswick, on Thursday evening.

Miss Emma E. West is at home for the holiday vacation from her teaching in Eliot, and was soprano soloist at the Universalist church services here and at Norway Sunday.

Mrs. Marietta Willis and Mrs. Emma W. Mann were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Tubbs, Norway, Christmas Day, it being the 15th anniversary of the marriage of the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Masterman have gone to World to spend the school vacation. Mrs. Masterman's mother, Mrs. Guthrie, who has been with them for some time, has gone to her home in Boston for the vacation.

Our community Christmas tree made its appearance in the Square early last week, having been set by O. K. Clifford and E. E. Andrews. Colored lights adorn and decorate it, and it has added much to the Christmas atmosphere, especially in the evenings.

In some respects this has been a record Christmas season. Shipments by express for the holiday trade by the Paris Manufacturing Co. have averaged about one load a day for three weeks. The rush continued up to the last, at least half a car load having been shipped on Friday.

Wednesday morning was some morning as far as cold was concerned. Quite likely there may be no colder one this winter. The mercury which inhabits our thermometers is an unstable spirit, yielding to the slightest influence, so is never the same in even two contiguous places, as the glasses about town varied in registration from twenty to thirty degrees below zero. The latter registration was at the Kenney mill.

Rev. C. G. Miller officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Lydia C. Varney, 91 years of age, on Friday, Dec. 22. Mrs. Varney died on Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Crockett, in Locke's Mills. The funeral services were held at the Congregational church in East Sumner and the burial was in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Varney is survived by sons, daughters, grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The Grand Trunk passenger service was badly disarranged Friday morning on account of a freight wreck at West Paris. The passenger train east was caught beyond the wreck and held up several hours before the track was cleared. The express west was delayed in Portland some thirty minutes on account of connections, and then was held up some thirty minutes more at Mechanic Falls to allow the wrecking train right of way. They also remained at this station some little time for the track to be cleared.

A Christmas dinner party was given on Wednesday, Dec. 20, by Mrs. Adna West. The guests were Mrs. Henry Loring of Pownal, Mrs. Irving Snow and Mrs. Howard Jordan of New Gloucester, and Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes of West Paris. The table was prettily decorated, a small Christmas tree in the center with lighted candles. Beneath the tree were white quartz rocks. From the tree garlands reached to each plate with a small evergreen wreath tied with a red ribbon. Beneath this was the place card. After the bountiful dinner the postman knocked and a letter was handed each guest. Miss Emma West had written very clever rhymes telling each one where to find their gifts. The day was filled to the brim with wholesome merriment, good cheer and loving kindness.

Two Oxford County cases were before the law court in Augusta last week, in both of which South Paris people figured. They were the cases of Lou N. Daggraty vs. Leilia Tebbets of Auburn, for damages which caused the death of her husband in an auto accident down on Fore Street a couple of years ago. The verdict obtained by the plaintiff in a recent term of the supreme judicial court in this county was in the sum of $5000. The motion before the law court was for a new trial. The second case was that of Iva B. Cutting et als vs. Joseph B. Haskell et als. This is a case in equity to construe a trust, and was brought before the law court on report. Alton C. Wheeler represents the plaintiff in both cases. In the first case he is assisted by Fred R. Dyer of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haskell went to Buckfield Wednesday evening to assist Mrs. Haskell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benaiah Crockett, celebrate their golden wedding. The marriage anniversary really occurred fifty years ago Thursday but the reception given by their friends took place in the Odd Fellows' Hall the evening before. Mr. Crockett was born in Hartford seventy-one years ago, the son of Enoch H. and Esther J. (Monk) Crockett. The parents moved to Buckfield when the son was four years old and that town has since been his home. Mrs. Crockett was born in Buckfield seventy-two years ago, in the old Buckfield House of which her father, America Ferris, was the proprietor. Her mother was Almira Deane of Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Crockett have been members of the Baptist church in Buckfield for thirty years. Mr. Crockett is a past noble grand of Nezinscot Lodge of Odd Fellows and a member of Evening Star Lodge of Masons. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crockett are members of Good Faith Rebekah Lodge. Associates and friends of this worthy couple gathered in the hall to the number of one hundred or more. There was a musical program presented. A present in money amounting to $131 was given the couple, $50 of which in gold. A. F. Cloutier made the presentation, which was feelingly responded to by Mr. Crockett. Refreshments were served.

L. L. Mason was in Portland Friday.

Mrs. Fred E. Hall spent Christmas in Portland with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Weeks are spending the holidays with friends in Portland.

Henry Howard is at home from Cornell University for the winter vacation.

Miss Majorie Penley is at home from her teaching in Waterville for the vacation.

Mrs. Elmer W. Cummings and daughter Lenise are spending the week in Portland.

Miss Marion Wheeler is spending her vacation with A. H. Wheeler in Berlin, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Roland French are spending Christmas at Kingfield, their former home.

Miss Geneva Young is at home for the holiday vacation from her teaching in Brockton, Mass.

Gustave Forter is at home for the holiday vacation from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ella S. Heald of East Sumner is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Albert D. Park, for the holiday season.

Mrs. L. A. Rounds has gone to Boston to spend the holiday period with her son, Dr. F. W. Rounds, and family.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church meets at the parsonage Thursday at 2 o'clock.

The Optimistic Class meets with Mrs. Arthur Forbes Saturday afternoon. All who can come will be gladly welcomed.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Rawson of Mexico are spending the holiday vacation with Mrs. Rawson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal and Miss Harriett were Christmas guests of Mr. Neal's mother in Auburn, where a family party was held.

The Ladies' Social Union meets at the church Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 2:30 o'clock. All come, for there is important business to attend to. Please bear it in mind.

Clarence K. Winslow of Toledo, Ohio, and Ruth E. Winslow of Gorham Normal School are spending the holiday recess with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther M. Winslow.

Miss Doris Kerr and Miss Thelma Caswell are at home from Farmington Normal School for the holiday vacation. Both have been assisting in the post office during the week.

After the regular meeting this Tuesday evening of Pythian Sisters there will be a Christmas tree. Each one who comes is expected to bring a small gift to put on the tree, not to exceed 10 cents.

Miss Helen M. King is here from Portland spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. King. Harry P. King and Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. King were there over the week-end and holiday.

Mrs. O. E. Barrows has been for some more than two weeks with Rev. M. V. McAlister and family in Bar Mills, and Mr. Barrows was there over Sunday and the holiday. The McAlisters have a daughter, born Dec. 9.

Tickets may now be had for the New Year ball, to be held in Association Hall Monday evening, Jan. 1. Music by Shaw's dance team. Floor tickets 50 cents. Gallery seats, 25 cents. Proceeds for the benefit of the community nurse fund.

A large amount of matter intended for the Democrat reached the office Monday and Tuesday, altogether too much to get in type. All of it could have been put in type on Saturday if we had had it, and most of it could have been written on that day or earlier.

Bernard Leach, who is employed in Utica, N. Y., and Miss Florence Leach, a teacher in Camden, N. J., and a friend, Miss Mank of Gorham, Me., were the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Leach. Christmas dinner guests were Mrs. Sarah Leach, Miss Ava Leach and B. Y. Russell and family, making a party of eleven.

Mild and comfortable weather helped out the observance of Christmas. Christmas trees were numerous, and festivals were held in homes, Sunday Schools, the public schools, and in other organizations, and the Christmas spirit has been much in evidence. The post office has done a business which can only be described as enormous.

The Bolster District rook club met with Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Dudley Saturday evening, Dec. 23. Seventeen sat down to a bountiful supper, after which a Christmas tree was unloaded with gifts for all, followed by four tables of rook until a late hour. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed. The next club meeting will be in two weeks with Mrs. Alice Cummings.

A pleasant family party was held with C. W. Shaw at his home in the King District Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Shaw of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Shaw, Edward E. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Shaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kenney, Miss Helen M. Barnes, besides Mrs. Lula Jordan, who is housekeeper for Mr. Shaw, and her son.

This week the county champions in the boys' and girls' clubs make the trip to Orono, where the state meeting is held the last three days of the week. The Oxford County champions are Miss Lora Porter, canning; Miss Glenna Starbird, champion in two projects, cooking and housekeeping, and sewing; and Henry Plummer, sweet corn. They will go to Orono on Wednesday, and will be accompanied by Mrs. H. W. Starbird, county club leader.

The pupils and teacher, Mrs. Ardelle Bartley, of the Porter Street school, and the parents and friends enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon Dec. 22d, the closing day of school, when an interesting program was presented by the pupils. A pleasant feature was a Christmas tree from which every pupil received a present. Mrs. Bartley received many pretty gifts. Pupils not absent one day during term: Donald Whitney, Linwood Millett, Francis McAllister, Lester Swallow, Iva Briggs, Harry Reed, Robert Kerr.

Henry Danforth, a Grand Trunk Railway freight conductor, who has passed through this village almost daily for many years, was killed in the East Deering yard Wednesday by being hit by a locomotive near the Veranda Street bridge. The locomotive was driven by engineer L. L. Bowker. No one saw the accident. His body was picked up by the running works of the tender and was discovered by switchman Frederick Dyer. The tender had to be jacked up before the body could be removed. His body was badly mangled. As no outcry was heard it is believed he was killed instantly. When last seen he was coupling two freight cars on another track. It is thought he stepped from between these onto another track directly in front of the approaching engine. If so his body was dragged about eight hundred feet. He was fifty years old, married and lived in Island Pond, Vt.

Among the graduates of the Paris High School in the class of 1905 was Raymond Andrews Chapman, who was born in Bethel Oct. 10, 1887, the son of James L. and Effie Andrews Chapman. After graduating here, he took a course in a Bangor business college and later in the Bangor Theological Seminary. He graduated from this institution in 1913, and was ordained the same year as pastor of the Congregational church in Sharon, Vt. While preaching in this place he pursued studies in Dartmouth College. After graduating from Dartmouth he became assistant in the Leydon Congregational church in Brookline, Mass., and the First Congregational church in Hyde Park, Mass. While at these places he pursued special studies in the Andover Theological School and Harvard College. In 1918 he became chaplain of the Asheville School at Asheville, N. C., and while in this place he united with the Protestant Episcopal church and received orders in the ministry. He is now curate of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Kingston, N. Y. On January 1st he will come to Boston, having been selected as one of the staff of the Church of the Advent in that city. His friends in this village will be pleased to learn of his success.

High School Notes.

The following students have not been absent for any session during the fall term: Millard Cummings, Naomi Colby, Catherine Chapman, Tina Cumming, Wilfred Corbett, Clifford Dumas, Edith Davis, Thelma Burgess, Shirley Bean, Sherman Colby, Gertrude Cummings, Mary Cummings, Dorothy Dean, Lillian Edwards, Marjorie Elwell, Helen Judd, Hazel King, Edith Kerr, Henry Plummer, Henry Swett, Elmer Thurlow, Frances West, Marion Wheeler, Wilburn Miller, Raymond Maxim, Gertrude Nevers, Merton Parsons, Lowaina Powers, Helen Emeley, Martha Fletcher, Clinton Horr, Roland Howard, Doris Judd, Bernard Jackson, Lucy Lundell, Kathleen MacDonald, Rupert Aldrich, Alton Ames, Winfield Bennett, Edward Bean, Warren Stearns, Mary Slattery.

On Friday afternoon the Literary Society presented the following program:

Piano Solo.....Margaret West
Theme.....Esther Barry
Declamation.....Marjorie Edwards
History of the Senior Class.....Martha Fletcher
Theme.....Bernice Parsons
Piano Solo.....Edith Lowell

The boys held a meeting in room 3 Friday night after school to talk over the winter sports. Carl McPhee was elected captain of the snowshoeing club, and Cayma Colby captain of the ski club.

A social and Christmas tree was held at the high school on Friday night. The senior classs realized about $25 from this affair.

Brick School.

Grade 8, perfect attendance for fall term: Cecil Abbott, Ruth Brown, Bessie Corbett, Francis Edwards, Ava Hatch, Etta Knightly, Albert Martin, Verna McGee, Albert Morse, Clara Nevers, Philip Plummer, Ethel Reid, Wynona Thayer. One hundred per cent in spelling for week ending Dec. 22: Martha Barrows, Ava Hatch, Grace Rand, Madelyn Record, Ralph Robinson, Verna McGee, Wynona Thayer, Ethel Reid, Zilpha Doran, Clara Nevers, Ruth Brown, Toini Cummings, Minola Dean.

Grade 7, Rose A. Butts teacher. Perfect attendance fall term: Bernard Dumas, Louise Cummings, Herman Morse, Kenneth Brill, Guy Rowe, Mabell Davis, Rama Judd, Marion Allen. One hundred per cent in spelling: Wilda Cole, Minnie Smith, Florence Smith, Eaino Heikkinen, Louise Cummings, James House, Olive Record, Mabell Davis, Stella Mills, Kenneth Davis, Olive Marston, Marion Allen, Nellie Reid, Philip Maxim.

Grade 6, not absent: Julia Bumpus, Lucile Cole, Lawrence Cushman, Georgina Grant, Junior Hayden, Morris Judd, Annie Murch, Hazel Ryder, Geraldine Farrar. Not missed one word during term: Junior Hayden. One hundred per cent spelling: Preston Cummings, Annie Murch, Georgia Maxim, George Davis, Kathryn Green, Geraldine Bennett, Stephen Russell, Georgina Grant, Frank Card, Frances Russell, Nelson Haskell, Lawrence Cushman, Evelyn Record, Miriam Wheeler, Junior Hayden, Ruth Woodworth, Morris Judd.

Those not absent nor tardy in grade 5 during the term just closed: Madlyn Bell, Isabella Fleming, Greta Merrill, Ruth Ryder, Evelyn Rowe, Eileen Pratt, John Cummings, Chester Cummings, Louis Kirchner, Linwood Rolfe, Howard Twitchell. One hundred per cent in spelling: Albert Judd, Eleanor Haskell, Greta Merrill, Gordon Stewart, Lucinda Ripley.

Program for Friday afternoon at 7th Grade, Brick Grammar, Mrs. Rose Butts, teacher:

Singing of Carols:
1. Cradle Hymn.
2. Shepherds.
3. It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.

Reading—From "The Birds' Christmas Carol," Lenise Cummings
Reading—The Night of the Star, Philip Maxim, Bernard Dumas
Reading—The First Christmas Tree, Marion Allen, Nellie Reid
Violin Duet.....Rama Judd, Bernard Dumas
Piano accompaniment by Miss Taylor
The Fir Tree,.....Stella Mills, Alice Harriman
How the Fir Tree Became a Christmas Tree, Wilda Cole, Geneva North
Royce Dean
Babouscka, from the Russian.....Fannie Swett
Legend of Christmas Tree.....Kenneth Davis
Little Cossette—Selection from Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables".....Musa Taylor
Reading—The Legend of St. Christopher, Florence Smith
Carol singing:
1. O Little Star of Bethlehem.
2. Silent Night.

The attendance contest resulted in a score of 6215 against 6120 in favor of Alice Harriman's side. The side of which Bernard Dumas was captain furnished a party Friday afternoon before the Christmas tree. Through the kindness of Eastman & Andrews 120 pencils were given to the Brick grammar school, each pupil receiving one.

Euterpean Club.

The Euterpean Club will continue their seventeenth season by a meeting New Year's Day with Mrs. Clara Mosher, when they will present the following program:

PART I.

Roll Call—Current Musical Events.
Piano Solo—Selected, Mrs. Ida Neal.
Three Violins and Piano—Marche.....Henkel
1st violin, Miss Grace Dean.
2d violin, Mrs. Clara Mosher.
3d violin, Mrs. Myra Woodworth.
Piano, Mrs. Neal.
Piano Solo—Selected, Miss Catherine Ferguson.
Piano Duet—Witches' Dance.....MacDowell
Mrs. Agnes Morton, Mrs. Neal.

PART II.

Longfellow's "King Robert of Sicily," with incidental music by.....H. Walmsley Little
Read by Mrs. Madge Gray.
Mrs. Nellie Brickett at the piano.

Bowker-Tucker.

At the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Chester G. Miller, Willie Lionel Bowker and Hazel Mildred Tucker were united in marriage Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, the double ring service being used. Mr. and Mrs. Bowker are both of South Paris and will make their home here.

Recent Marriages.

Walter E. Davis and Eva E. Newell, both of West Paris, were united in marriage with the double ring service at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. C. G. Miller, Sunday evening, Dec. 24. The young couple will reside in West Paris where Mr. Davis is engaged in garage work.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lovejoy on Pine Street, Chrismas evening, Myron Francis Babb and Miss Sarah Anita Nicholson were united in marriage by Rev. Chester G. Miller. Mr. Babb is a student at the Agricultural College in Orono and Mrs. Babb is the home demonstration agent here in South Paris. Their home will be in South Paris.

Mrs. Hannah A. Billings.

After a short illness with pneumonia, Mrs. Hannah A. Billings died Tuesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brett of Norway, with whom she had lived for years. Mrs. Billings was 95 years of age. She was born in Oxford July 13, 1827, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Rowe. She was the widow of Simon S. Billings. Up to her final illness Mrs. Billings had been remarkably well preserved and active for her years. The funeral will be held at 2 P. M. Thursday, attended by Rev. T. C. Chapman.

Miss Mattie I. Richards.

After a short illness Miss Mattie I. Richards died Tuesday morning at her home about a mile from South Paris. She was the daughter of Jonathan and Louisa J. (Millett) Richards, and was 56 years of age. She is survived by two sisters, Miss Florence E. Richards and Miss Louisa J. Richards, and one brother, B. F. Richards, all of whom make their home at the old homestead.

Rev. C. G. Miller officiated at the funeral of Herbert M. Adams of Lovell in the East Stoneham church Dec. 13; on Dec. 14 at the funeral of Mrs. Caroline S. Plummer at her late home in Lynchville, East Stoneham; on Dec. 15 at the funeral in the Baptist church, Buckfield, of Mrs. W. H. Lurvey, and on Dec. 18 at the funeral of Mrs. Albert Babineau in her late home on the East Oxford road.

Mrs. Roger Davis has as guests her mother and sister, Mrs. Mary B. Carter and Miss Julia F. Carter of Montclair, N. J. They were accompanied here by Master Jarvis Davis, who has been with them for some months, but who will now remain here. On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Davis had a dinner party, which included beside their own family and house guests, Mrs. E. L. Parris and Edward L. Parris, Jr., Virgil K. Parris, Percival J. Parris and Kendall Barr of Paris Hill.

Disastrous Fire in Norway.

BROWN NOVELTY MILL BURNED FLAT IN AN HOUR'S TIME.

The three-story wooden building in Norway owned by the Central Maine Power Company and occupied by the Novelty Turning Company was completely destroyed by fire Friday morning.

The fire was discovered about 7 o'clock and is supposed to have originated from an over-heated electric motor. It spread with great rapidity so that the stock and machinery were lost. The books and papers in the office were mostly saved. The loss is large, with a partial insurance.

Some fifteen persons were employed regularly in the establishment.

H. Walter Brown is the proprietor of the Novelty Turning Co.

School Notes.

THE VALUE OF A REGULAR STUDY HOUR.

The greatest asset which any man can have is a good education. It is the one thing that marks the man as a somebody or a nobody. A good education gives a man a broader view of the things of every-day life and increases his efficiency. It makes him a useful and broad minded citizen.

The hope of the world to-day lies in a balance. The world is clamoring for men who look at things fairly and not from a partisan or financial point of view. A broad minded man is welcomed and given his place among those who are directing the affairs of the world.

We have in our state a very excellent school system. It is founded on the principle that education should be for all the people and not for the selected few. Our schools do not train simply to get their graduates into college, although that is a laudable aim, but rather to make every boy and girl a better citizen for having attended our schools.

Regardless of any opinion to the contrary the large bulk of the people must earn their living by "the sweat of their brow." This does not mean that their work can not be done better with a thinking brain directing the worker. The truth is that regardless of the kind of work a man can do it better and more intelligently with an education.

Our schools are here ready to do their part, but they can not do it all. No boy or girl can do justice to his or her school without some outside preparation. This applies to the pupils in the grammar school as well as the high school. The parents should keep in touch with the schools and what they are doing. A regular study hour should be assigned to the pupil and it should be rigidly kept. The pupil who does this gets the full benefit of the school, but those who do not are bound to suffer.

It should be impressed on the mind of the boys and girls that going to school is a business. It is just as much a business as working in the shop or office. The work should be done just as carefully as it would be if there was a pay envelope coming each Saturday. If we can impress this fact on the minds of our young people we are on the road to a prosperous future.

A CARD OF THANKS.

With the closing of the fall term of school the school department wish to thank those parents who have visited the schools for their kindly interest. It is only by such visits that we can intelligently cope with the school problems.

The schools are not perfect and the teachers and school authorities make mistakes at times. The school department welcomes constructive criticism because it is only by such methods that many faults are brought to light.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

The regular January meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association has been postponed from Jan. 8 to Jan. 12. At this time matters of vital interest to the community and schools will be taken up.

Community Christmas Exercises.

Community Christmas exercises in Norway were held in the Grange Hall Tuesday evening and were well attended in spite of zero weather.

A Christmas carol opened the program. Scripture reading was given by Rev. O. E. Barnard and prayer offered by Rev. T. C. Chapman.

An allegorical pageant was staged by Mrs. Harriett Brown with eighth grade children. Mrs. Jennie Bates Russell gave a Christmas talk. Then came another carol while gifts were brought into the hall by Boy Scouts and distributed or taken from the tree where some of them had been deposited. Children of the pageant were:

Bethlehem Girls—Mildred Ray, Estella Smith, Mary E. Hadley, Phoebe Cobb, Ida Kimball, Catherine Longley, Marion Bennett, Frances Rich, Eleanor Smith.
Bethlehem Boys—Paul Holden, Roger Gates, Paul Brown, Kendall Bickford.
Shepherds—Henry Favor, Stanley Murch, Horace Brown, Gerry Locke.
Wise Men—Herman Judkins, Fred Lewis, Hosea Curtis.
Inn Keeper—James Rouse.
Prophetess—Virginia Tubbs.
Angel—Eleanor Morey.
Reader—Carrie Tucker.
Pianist—Mrs. Mary Mealand Stone.
Carol Singers—Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Lake Temple.

Lake Temple of Norway elected the following officers:

Past Chief—Alozia Witham.
Most Excellent Chief—Addie Thurston.
Excellent Senior—Fonite Brown.
Excellent Junior—Ida Hall.
Manager—Avis Huff.
Mistress Rec. and Cor.—Mary Lewis.
Mistress of Finance—Clara Schnuer.
Protector—Rachel Brown.
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Alternate—Mary E. Kimball.
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Press Cor.—Mary Kimball.
Auditors—Mary Kimball, Geneva Partridge and Evis Cook.

Lack of business has brought about the discontinuance until May 1, 1923, of service on the Sandy River Railroad, a subsidiary of the Maine Central, from Phillips to Rangeley. One train a day, however, will be run between Farmington and Phillips.

Born.

In Paris, Dec. 25, to the wife of Arthur Valley, a son.
In Wilson Mills, Dec. 8, to the wife of J. F. Hart, a daughter.
In Norway, Dec. 9, to the wife of George O. Hill, a daughter.
In Westville, N. H., Dec. 9, to the wife of David A. Tebbs of South Paris, a son.
In Salem, Mass., Dec. 10, to the wife of Dr. C. M. Wilson, formerly of Waterford, a daughter.

Married.

In South Paris, Dec. 9, by Rev. Chester G. Miller, Willie Lionel Bowker and Miss Hazel Mildred Tucker, both of South Paris.
In South Paris, Dec. 24, by Rev. C. G. Miller, Walter E. Davis and Miss Eva E. Newell, both of West Paris.
In South Paris, Dec. 25, Myron Francis Babb and Miss Sarah Anita Nicholson, both of South Paris.
In Norway, Dec. 23, by Rev. O. E. Barnard, Toivo Pitralnen of West Paris and Miss Elsie Ahonen of Ottafield.
In Bethel, Dec. 16, Orlando E. Jordan of Bethel and Miss Gladys V. Dunham of Greenwood.
In Andover, Dec. 14, William Ellis and Mrs. Elva Mitchell.
In Locke's Mills, Dec. 16, Orlando Jordan and Miss Gladys Dunham.
In Lewiston, Dec. 25, Harold Leo Forbes of Lewiston and Miss Rachel Abbott of Rumford.
In Portland, Dec. 20, John Edward Shepard and Miss Harriett Robie McQuillan, summer residents of Norway.

Died.

In Paris, Dec. 15, Mrs. Sophia J. Babineau, wife of Albert Babineau, aged 67 years.
In Oxford, Dec. 24, Charles Stearns, aged 62 years.
In Dixfield, Dec. 18, J. Gilbert Fogg, aged 72 years.
In Locke's Mills, Dec. 19, Mrs. Lydia C. Varney, aged 91 years.
In Paris, Dec. 26, Miss Mattie I. Richards, aged 56 years.
In Norway, Dec. 26, Mrs. Hannah A. Billings, aged 95 years.
In Norway, Dec. 18, Francis Frechette, aged 33 years.
In Bethel, Dec. 14, Elisha C. Sloan, aged 81 years.
In South Paris, Dec. 11, Mrs. Caroline Plummer, aged 67 years.
In East Fryeburg, Dec. 18, Mrs. Carrie S. Hoes, aged 35 years.
In Harrison, Dec. 19, Mrs. Nellie Plummer Sawyer, aged 50 years, formerly of Waterford.
In Bethel, Dec. 21, Ceylon Rowe, aged 84 years.
In Lewiston, Dec. 22, Mrs. Harry Cloutier of Rumford, aged 23 years.
In West Paris, Dec. 23, Melvin S. Bubier, aged 53 years.
In Rumford, Dec. 21, William W. Knowlton, aged 71 years.
In Buckfield, Dec. 15, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper.

NORWAY.

B. G. McIntire was in Portland Wednesday and Thursday.

Arthur DeCroteau, Bates '23, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert DeCroteau.

Miss May Downing has been visiting Mrs. Grace Moore in Portland.

Ernest Combellack has purchased his brother's interest in a farm in New Gloucester and will take up agriculture.

William Ledger of the Boston College of Pharmacy is in Norway over the holidays.

Miss Helen Smith of Portland is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith.

Mrs. H. Luck and Mrs. Annie Andrews made a trip to Lewiston Tuesday.

Leon Kimball is in Harrison for a few days.

Mrs. C. C. Tibbetts has sold the Hamilton house on Fair Street.

Miss Doris Brooks is at home from Boston for the holidays.

A family party is spending the holidays at the home of C. E. Russell. They include Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Russell and son Eugene Jr., of Yarmouth, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowell of Bangor.

Mrs. Jack Chamberlain and son Francis of Manchester, N. H., are spending the holidays in Norway.

Half a pound of Maine sand has gone to a school in Iowa to be moulded into the representation of its native state as part of a composite sand map of the United States. The sand was sent from the Fish and Game Department in response to a request from a fifth grade boy, Joseph Connolly of St. Bershmarais, that his school was engaged in modeling the United States in sand and was trying to get from each individual state sand enough to make the map of that state. He added that half the states had responded to the request. Miss Myrtle Hodgdon, chief clerk in the department, who sent the Maine quota, also included some literature about Maine in the hope that the pupils of the seminary might get a better idea of our state.

Satisfaction

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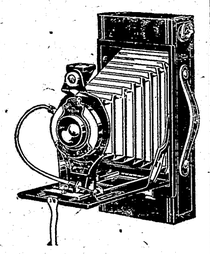

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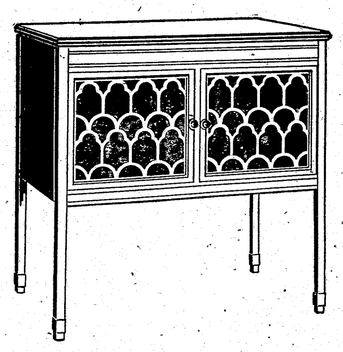

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"The revision in prices," said Mr. Ford, "is the result of the increased volume of business which our company has enjoyed during the present year, and also, to the fact that we now own and operate many of our own sources of raw material, which enables us to continue increasing the quality of our product and at the same time keep the price so low that Ford cars are in reach of everybody."

"Our production for 1922 is already in excess of a million, which has been an important factor in bringing down costs. Our present daily output is averaging better than 5,000 cars and trucks, which means a complete Ford car or truck every 5 1-2 seconds of each eight-hour working day. It is in anticipation of this continued demand that price adjustments are again being made in order to keep in effect the policy of selling Ford products at the lowest price consistent with quality."

"Quality, as usual," said Mr. Ford, "will continue to be a prime consideration in the building of Ford cars. As our business has increased we have consistently increased our equipment and manufacturing facilities, so that this price reduction merely reflects the progressive methods which come as a result of increased volume."

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NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of ALTON A. CONANT, of Hebron, Bankrupt, } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Alton A. Conant of Hebron, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1922, the said Alton A. Conant was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 49 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, on the 3rd day of Jan., A. D. 1923 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, December 18, 1922.

WALTER L. GRAY, Referee in Bankruptcy.

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NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of FRANK DUVAL, of Rumford, Bankrupt, } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Frank Duval of Rumford, in the County of Oxford and District aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1921, the said Frank Duval was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 49 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1922, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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The Art of Being Ready.

(By Elizabeth X. Simmonds.)

The advent of unexpected company sometimes assumes an aspect which is almost tragic to the hostess, and to set on the table aluncheon, both dainty and appetizing at such atime is a real test of a housekeeper's poise and clear-headedness.

To begin with, it is absolutely essential to have orderly habits, so that one can place one's hand on anything at a moment's notice. It is well, to be prepared with emergency food supplies on the pantry shelf, and to have clean napery for a luncheon ready in the sideboard drawer, protected by a sheet of white paper. Table napkins for six should be folded and placed within the folds of the tablecloth.

In the sideboard, glass and silver, well polished, also knives and forks, etc., should be ready for a luncheon. It is a good plan to make a list of all that will certainly be wanted, and to have ready as many things as possible.

Before coming to the all-important question of how to feed unexpected company, I would like to say a word about the rooms in which the guests will be received. The dining room and parlor should be always tidy and dusted. If, for any reason, there is a day in which these rooms do not receive proper attention, one may be sure that out of sheer contrariness visitors will arrive, and among them will be a woman of critical eye, if not an unkind tongue. A hostess to be at her ease must have the consciousness that her surroundings do her credit. How can she entertain a guest whose eyes fix themselves on the dust of the piano?

If without a maid, the hostess herself answers the ring at the door. It follows that she must always look presentable no matter what housework she may be called away from. This can be done.

One should always wear clean and attractive house dresses. A soiled or torn house dress is an abomination. It is a good plan to wear a housekeeper's apron, as this completely envelops one, and saves one's dress from stains and dirt; and, if company comes, it can be slipped off in a minute. A cap, or a bit of old veiling pinned on the hair will keep all dust from the hair and keep it smooth as well. It is also wise to wear mitts to work in; these can be made of good bed ticking. This material is so strong that it withstands hard usage. It washes easily, too. Nearly all bought working gloves wear out directly; and bought mitts are nearly as bad, though not quite.

Now, as to the store cupboard. Of course, it may chance that one has "things saving," that will make a luncheon for unexpected guests; but one must not take chances. There must be in glasses or tins something to fall back upon. Canned soups, fish, chicken, tongue, preserves, jelly, pickles, sweet wafers, plain crackers, a jar of good salad dressing, a can of sardines, whole anchovies, several cans of fruit and vegetables, all these should be included on the emergency shelf.

Now, when without maids, and unexpected visitors come to luncheon, it is a good plan to serve only cold things, as then everything can be put on the table at once. A piece of cold ham served with tongue helps an impromptu luncheon very much. Cheese straws are an excellent thing to keep on the emergency shelf. They are always liked and easy to make; they will keep well for weeks if put in an air-tight tin.

The tongue and the ham can be put on the table; an entree dish with stuffed olives; another with alternate sardine and anchovy, each on a finger of toast—a sprinkle of Parmesan on the anchovy, and a little fine-chopped caper on the sardine. A fancy dish with cake and a bowl of canned or fresh fruit will make an attractive luncheon.

It is well when making pies to have one in reserve as an emergency extra; they keep quite fresh for two or three days.

Salad helps to decorate the table. It is a good plan to have salad material always on hand. It can be washed early in the day and placed in a cool place. Then it has only to be cut and mixed, if required at short notice.

Too much stress cannot be laid on preparedness. Not only must a hostess have in her cupboard store and larder the wherewithal to furnish a suddenly called for meal, but she must know exactly where to lay her hand upon all she may want. There must be no hasty rubbing up of table silver and knives, no flurried hunt for a can-opener or corkscrew. No mustard to make, no salt cellars to fill. Everything that can possibly be ready on the emergency shelf should be there.

One last word about the reception of unexpected company. Because unexpected they should be the more warmly welcomed. For the guest to be chilled at the first greeting, nothing afterwards compensates. The hearty greeting, "Come right in!" when a guest presents himself, creates a pleasant atmosphere at once.

With orderly habits and a little common sense it should be quite easy for any one to produce a luncheon or tea without warning. With these two magic wands, coupled with the power of keeping on, there need be nothing appalling in the arrival of unexpected company.

Hot Dogs and Potato Salad.

Let me repeat for you a conversation which I really couldn't help "listening in" on at a restaurant the other day.

"Hot dogs and potato salad. Gee, Bill, don't sit next to me and eat that stuff."

"What's the matter, Jack? It is good enough grub for my lunch—what's wrong with it?"

"Tell me, Bill, does Peg ever give you hot dogs and potato salad for dinner?"

"Of course not. You don't suppose Peg would put a dish like that before me for a real dinner. But man, why ask such a question?"

"When I tell you that I've had hot dogs and potato salad served to me regularly at least two nights a week for months now, perhaps you will understand why the very sight of such a dish is sickening to me. At least, at lunch time, I want to get away from it."

"What's happened to Grace? When I used to be around to your house so often, that first year you were married, Grace used to serve mighty fine dinners. I've bragged about her cooking to a lot of the boys."

"Sure, those were the good, happy days, Bill. But it is all different now. Grace has the bridge craze. Goes out to bridge parties nearly every afternoon, so hasn't time to cook a dinner. She just runs around to the delicatessen shop half an hour before I get home, and ten minutes after my arrival my dinner is served. It ever I complain of growing tired of such grub, she says something about not marrying me to be a cook, or that she needs social life as much as I need food. But, I'm a cad to talk about it to you, Bill. Forget what I've said. It was just that dish of frankfurters and potato salad that was too much for me."

Think it over, wives!

Happy Habits.

There are a few "happy habits" that have helped me to keep the home attractive at all times with a minimum expenditure of time and strength. The first thing after breakfast I go through the rooms, putting articles in place, gathering soiled clothes, making each room neat and ready for the day's work, and freshening the flowers.

I never continue work when I begin to get nervous or overtired. It does not pay me to do it. I keep a magazine handy and when my nerves tighten or my feet ache, I go into another room and read for ten or fifteen minutes. This relaxes my body and refreshes my mind so that I go back to work with renewed vigor.

The last thing at night I go through the house again, replacing books, finding lost articles, straightening furniture, and giving the home a sort of mother touch, so it has a pleasant, welcoming air for the new day.

When Attaching a Window Shade—Instead of using hammer and tacks to attach a window shade to its roller, try the more satisfactory method of using inch-wide adhesive tape.

EXPLAINING GRADES IN ARMY

Fanciful and Pretty Tale of the Origin of Insignia Which Denote Martial Rank.

Fanciful indeed is the tale woven about the selection and origin of the various marks of army insignia.

The story begins with a two-barred fence, near a group of trees. One of these is a sturdy oak and another a silver poplar, the tree which grows to greatest heights in our forests. Above this tree flies an American eagle. It is night and the stars look down upon the scene.

The first step, or first rank of a commissioned officer is climbing the first bar of the fence, and is denoted by the one bar on a first lieutenant's shoulder. Another step up and the officer has his foot on the second bar of the fence—the two bars surmounted being indicated by the two-bar mark of the captain. The next stage of the climb upward is the branches of the trees, and the rank of major, denoted by the gold oak leaf on the shoulder, has been reached.

In order to go higher the candidate for higher rank must now surmount the tall silver poplar, and when he has done so he is entitled to wear the silver leaf of the lieutenant colonel. The eagle soaring over the treetops indicates the rank of colonel—the silver eagle being worn by officers of that rank. The stars are the highest of all and were reserved as insignia for generals.—Detroit News.

STILL MATTER FOR RESEARCH

Astronomical Science, Although Enormously Developed, Has Yet a Great Deal to Discover.

A century of continuous achievements in the knowledge of other worlds has brought us, as Professor Eddington suggests, to the threshold of expectations which a generation ago would have been deemed fantastic.

We have giant telescopes beyond the imagination of fifty years ago. The camera has, in the minds of many of the public, almost brought the sun and his satellites onto a dissecting table. Above everything else the spectroscope has revolutionized astronomical science by revealing the materials of which the sun, moon and stars are composed.

But we must calmly await the information of science which admits the existence of vegetation in Mars as to the mysterious "signals" of its inhabitants. There may be men in the moon in the breathable atmosphere of its stupendous craters. The field of astronomical research excludes nothing but the impossible. We all share the "feeling" to which Professor Eddington gave expression, "that we are on the verge of something greater than our dreams can shape."—London Mail.

WOODEN LEG A HANDICAP

Physician Had Forgotten That Appendage Would Not Help Duck In Its Native Element.

A distinguished doctor of Baltimore, Md., has a flock of Muscovy ducks running around his country place and hearing a great commotion in the chicken yard one afternoon hurried hence to see one of his ducks doing a line of dare-devil stunts in mid-air. The "falling leaf," "tail-spin" and such performances were following one another with startling rapidity when the doctor discovered that the cause of it all was a big rat which was hanging on the duck's leg. The rat held on until the leg came off, when the rodent dropped to the ground and escaped. The doctor tied the injured member and his surgery was a success in that the bird recovered, but it had a great handicap in its possession of a single leg. The doctor made a wooden leg for the fowl which answered all purposes on the land, but when the bird ventured into the water its efforts to paddle with one leg caused it to describe one circle after another so that if it finally did reach the shore it was by the merest accident.

Swallowed by London.

Cheam was once a delightful village in Surrey; today it is fast becoming a suburb of London. But it still has some respect for the days when it was simply a decorative feature on a beautiful countryside. When it was found that Cheam's beautiful Fourteenth century cottage was in the way of the road being widened, Cheam did not say either "Down with the cottage" or "Let the motorcars go round another way." It simply decided to put the house on rollers and move it back a little way, as was done a few years ago with Trinity house, in the old cathedral city of Worcester. Everybody gains, the motorist by having a wider road, and artistic folk by contemplation of a fine specimen of Fourteenth century architecture; while Cheam should be happy in having entered a practical protest against an act of vandalism.—Christian Science Monitor.

The Last Straw.

It had been a trying day and Raymond's father was rather irritable. He stood for a few questions from the youngster, but when the latter asked what caused the desert of Sahara, he laid down his paper and answered: "I guess it formed when the Israelites lost their sand. And if you don't quit asking me so many questions I'll see your mother puts you to bed before I get home hereafter."

"But, pa," came the question, "how can you see her put me to bed if she puts me to bed before you get home?" And that question was Raymond's last—for that evening.—Boston Transcript.

In Different Classes.

A visitor in an Australian home inquired of his host's little son, "Do you go to school now?"

"Yes, sir."

"And what do you learn—reading, writing, sums?"

"Oh, yes, and I learn religion, too."

"Religion?"

"Yes. I learn the little religion which teaches that we all come from Adam. But my older brother is in a higher class; he learns the big religion and that teaches that we all come from monkeys."—Boston Transcript.

Wonder of Small Things.

The greatness of our life depends on so little! In the midst of the humblest incidents of ordinary days, the verse of a poet may suddenly reveal to us something stupendous. No solemn word has been spoken, and we feel that nothing has been called forth; and yet, why has an ineffable face beckoned to us from behind an old man's fears? Or why does a vast night, starred with angels, extend over the smile of a child?—Maeterlinck.

A Sign.

"I think that small boy of ours is going to be a poet."

"That so? Why?"

"He never wants to have his hair cut."

Stopping at Sally's

By LAURA MONTGOMERY

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Clem looked very tired as he closed the small wooden gate behind him. He hoped with a hopeless fervency that Brian would have something started for their midday dinner.

There was, however, no odor of food in the air when he entered the kitchen, and a swift glance at the sink disclosed the pile of breakfast dishes still unwashed.

"Hello, Clem, aren't you home early?" Brian looked up with his swift flashing smile, then bent his eyes again to his canvas. "I had a good morning. My picture simply leaped ahead. I tell you, Clem, in the years to come I'll—"

Clem tried to get a panful of potatoes from the box near the cellar door without acting inattentive, but Brian's roving glance caught him. "Can't you sit down a minute and listen, Clem? All morning I've wanted to talk to you about the composition of this."

Clem's patient, honest eyes rested affectionately upon the thin, vivid face of his dearly beloved younger brother. Clem had been both father and mother to the art-loving youngster and he had as complete faith in the other's talents as even Brian possessed.

"I must get some dinner on, because I have to get back to the warehouse," he explained, setting on a kettle of water to heat while he peeled the potatoes.

Brian painted on in annoyed silence for a moment and then threw down his brush: "Meals are such an interruption," he cried. "I don't feel hungry."

The smell of paint in the chill, damp air was overpowering. Brian had, as usual, forgotten to add wood to the fire. "Go down to the store and get a slice of steak, Brian; that will give you a breath of fresh air," advised Clem, patiently.

Brian had no desire for steak or for any food, but he experienced a feeling of compunction as he noted how Clem's square shoulders sagged. Quite evidently Clem was already tired out, and he had a long afternoon of lifting heavy boxes and barrels before him. "I tell you, Clem, when I've made a great name you shall have things easy. You went without a new hat so I could get those new paints, and—"

Clem smiled. The end of the sentence was lost as Brian, now repentantly anxious to hurry the meal for Clem's sake, shot through the door and down the path.

There were a number of people in the little general store waiting to be served, but the one clerk was still behind the mail boxes sorting out the mail, which had been delayed. Brian stood near the door looking at a newspaper on the counter when he heard his name mentioned.

"Yes, Clem's bound to lose her. She's waited seven years now, and Sally's too pretty a girl to go unmarried. I heard that Gordon Holloway has been calling some, and he bought a box of candy tied up with pink ribbons Saturday night. Sally's sister had the ribbon in her hair going to school Monday morning." The speaker, an aged woman with an odd crocheted net on her curly gray hair, smiled wisely. "I think it's a shame, for Clem is crazy about her, but with Brian on his shoulders he'll never make enough to keep a wife. The idea of Clem hustling freight all day, and going home to a cold, dirty house, while Brian sits at his ease and paints. Tain't right."

All thoughts of his morning's work vanished from the young man's mind. Even the vexed matter of the proper atmosphere for the vivid-eyed maid with the green scarf that brought out the flesh values so wonderfully was forgotten. His mind was fixed on his past with an appalling clarity. He had grown up depending on good old Clem. Through his rather spoiled childhood he had always appealed to Clem when he wished some extra indulgence, and it had been Clem who had first noticed his wonderful skill in drawing, and it had been Clem, also, who had sent away the little picture in colors that had brought him a small prize. Every bit of pleasant encouragement he had received in his home town had been given him by his brother, and he had come to take the loving service indifferently—almost as his due. He knew of Clem's love for Sally Waite, and he had always expected, in his vague, impracticable way that they would ultimately marry. That Clem was losing his chance with her because he was supporting a younger brother in unproductive idleness he had never guessed. Brian had worked incessantly—worked with a feverish haste that lessened his chances of success—but this labor had been of no service in the little cottage where the dishes often waited all day for Clem to attack after supper.

"I," thought Brian in a hurt bewilderment, "always counted on doing so much for old Clem when I got to—"

"And as for his pictures," Pansy was continuing, "of course they are mighty pretty, especially those snow scenes with the red light shining out on the snow." Here Brian shuddered, recalling his first efforts. "But he'll be graybeaded before he ever gets to earning real money, and then where will Clem be? He'll be an old man with his girl married to some one else—"

"But," objected the doctor's plump little wife, "Brian is an awful nice fellow. Remember how he tended Clem when he had scarlet fever? Never had his clothes off."

"Yes, Brian is all right, but he doesn't use his head. He ought to get a job and paint in his spare time, or work hard and get enough to go away and study. He's no call to be hanging on Clem."

Brian had a dazed look on his thin, earnest face as he re-entered the kitchen. He crossed the wooden floor in two great strides, and took his brother by the shoulders. "What do you think, Clem—I came past the warehouse and they need another hand. They—"

"But the warehouse is on the other side of town. Where's the steak?"

"I forgot the steak; we'll eat eggs or something," returned Brian vaguely. "I told Lizzie Brinks to come in for a couple of hours each day, and to be here to have our dinners ready. I'm sick of painting all day while you're out in the fresh air. I was thinking—". Brian's black eyes rested an instant on the picture on the easel; then he wrenched his gaze back and went on gayly—"that we'd work together through the summer and then we'll paint the cottage so it will be ready for you and Sally (you must lookout, or that Gordon Holloway is going to cut you out there) to use when you're married. I'm thinking of going to the city to study as soon as I have saved some money—"

The potato fork dropped from Clem's hand. "But Brian, the work at the warehouse is pretty heavy. Do you think that you can stand it?"

Brian, now fully awakened, stared at the tired, somewhat lined face of his elder. "Yes," he said, distinctly, "I think that I can stand it a great deal better than you. As soon as we get turned around a bit there are going to be some changes around this house. I want you to stop at Sally's tonight on your way home and tell her that you'll be around Saturday night with Brink's auto. He's going to save it for you, and I'm going to pay for it.

"Sally loves to drive," was all Clem could get out, but there was something in his honest blue eyes that made Brian smile radiantly.

HEARD THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Englishman Testified to That Effect In Address Before the Royal Geographic Society.

Whether or not the aurora borealis, so beautiful to the eye, is ever accompanied by a characteristic sound is disputed by scientists, but G. M. Gathorne-Hardy, in an address before the Royal Geographic society, claimed to have heard it in Labrador in the autumn of 1920.

"Two points occur to me as worthy of mention in this connection," said the speaker. "The first is that I have occasionally seen what appears to be the aurora by day in the form of faint clouds having the characteristic appearance of the bands and streamers. The second point I raise with some hesitation, as I believe the balance of scientific opinion is against its possibility. That is, that, judging merely by the evidence of my senses, I should say that I had sometimes heard the aurora, when in rapid movement, making a faint, crisp, rustling noise. If this is a hallucination, it is a very strange one."

His evidence corroborates that of Capt. H. P. Dawson, in charge of the British polar station: "The Indians and the voyagers of the Hudson's Bay company, who often pass their nights in the open, say that it (the sound) is not uncommon." On the one occasion when he heard it himself he says: "The sound was like the swishing of a ship or the noise produced by a sharp squall of wind in the upper rigging of a ship."

Good Literature Will Endure.

We are often told that an era is opening in which we are to see multitudes of a common sort of readers, and masses of a common sort of literature; that such readers do not want and could not relish anything better than such literature, and that to provide it is becoming a vast and profitable industry.

Even if good literature entirely lost currency with the world, it would still be abundantly worth while to continue to enjoy it by oneself. But it never will lose currency with the world, in spite of momentary appearances; it never will lose supremacy. Currency and supremacy are insured to it, not indeed by the world's deliberate and conscious choice, but by something far deeper—by the instinct of self-preservation in humanity.—Matthew Arnold, in 1880.

Best English Love Story?

What is the greatest love story in the world? Of course, if one counted in plays the palm would go to "Romeo and Juliet." If one put in episodes, most people would go to the Bible or the classics and use the story of Ruth or Dante's poignant picture of Francesca da Rimini. But let us rule these things out and stick to books, and English ones at that. What beats "The Cloister and the Hearth?" One correspondent says "Jane Eyre;" another, "Lorna Doone." We vote for "Pride and Prejudice." It is the greatest and most typical of English love stories, because it does not pall one with one of those tremendous passions which almost exceed the bounds of sanity. It is the intensely human tale of a love slowly developing through the petty and formal misunderstandings, which make up life between two people just as mortal as ourselves.—London Express.

Flour Used in Making Watches.

Two barrels of flour are used every week in making watches at a well-known factory, which turns out from 2,000 to 3,000 watches a week. Since a baker uses about three pounds of flour to five loaves of bread, it follows that for every watch the maker uses the equivalent of a third of a loaf. The flour is made into dough and the dough is used to handle screws, rivets and other small parts.

Each man in that part of the business has a lump of dough always at hand, and when he wants to examine a screw he jabs a piece of dough on it. Then, turning it over, he has a good chance to look at it with his watchmaker's microscopic eyeglass. Many of the screws are too minute to pick up easily with the fingers, and many more, though large enough to be picked up, would be so covered by the fingers or the forceps as to be almost hidden from sight.

Taxidermy Now a Fine Art.

The rise of American taxidermy to a level with the other fine arts thus far is a chapter of unwritten history. It is probable that not more than a score of persons now living know the real story of the Society of American Taxidermists and the revolution that it wrought. It would be utterly inadequate to write of the masterpieces of American taxidermy without setting forth at least an outline of the history that they represent. A few members of the youngest generation of workers, snugly ensconced in stone palaces of peace and plenty, have talked learnedly of the "new school" of taxidermy without mentioning the men who toiled in laying the foundations and in erecting half the walls of that "school." I am told that today there are taxidermists who do not like being called anything less than "sculptors."

Fragrance of Flowers.

The fragrance of flowers regulates their temperature, says a professor of chemistry at the University of Nevada, at Reno. He bases his belief on recent experiments with the essential oils of certain desert plants. These oils apparently serve as a protection against the extreme heat of noonday and the chill of night.

The vapor of the oils absorbs more heat than ordinary air, he says. Rose oil absorbs thirty-six times as much heat and anisol 352 times as much. By surrounding itself with a layer of such odor-filled air, the plant reduces the amount of heat which reaches it in the daytime and also obtains a sort of air blanket to protect it against the chill of night.

Law That Never Fails.

Short measure in the market-place may slightly increase the bank account for the time being, but will rob in the long run. For out of human experience came the admonition: "With what measure ye mete, the same shall be meted unto you." Many are finding this so today.—Grit.

CHINA DEMANDS GOOD ROADS

Oriental Country Awakes to the Necessity of Immediate Development of Its Highways.

A plea for good roads as a necessity for the proper development of China is made by the Oriental Motor of Shanghai, which began publication a year ago to encourage interest in motor use. Asking where the United States would have been if the good roads movement had not been earnestly supported throughout the country, the editor says:

"Yet at this time of greatest development in the making of roads China lies dormant. If any nation in the world needs roads, good roads and national highways, it is China. Means of communication in the country are inadequate and medieval, transcontinental travel is only possible by water at the rim of the country, while the great heart of the nation is still inaccessible to any mode of transportation except the most primitive.

"China can never become a nation until her roads are developed. With them the penetration of the interior, both for commerce and pleasure, would mean a few hours or a few days by motor. The people of the interior would be brought into touch daily with motors and motorists from all sections of the nation. They would begin to realise that there are parts of the country other than their own province and city, and the great welding influence which would make China a nation united would begin."—New York Times.

UNWORTHY RULER OF ROME

History Accords Low Place to Commodus, Whom Fortune Capriciously Lifted to High Estate.

Commodus was a Roman emperor, notorious for his cruel and voluptuous character. He was endowed with extraordinary strength, and often appeared in imitation of Hercules, dressed in a lion's skin and armed with a club. To display his skill and strength in arms he appeared publicly in the amphitheater. As his opponents were armed with weapons of tin or lead, while he was encased in impenetrable armor, he had naturally an easy victory on every occasion. For his amusement he cut asunder persons, put out their eyes, and mutilated their noses, etc.

Commodus was strangled by the gladiator Narcissus, who was hired to commit the deed by Marcia, the mistress of Commodus, who had plotted with members of his official family, to put him out of the way. When he died the senate declared him an enemy of the state, ordered his statues to be broken to pieces, and his name to be erased from all public inscriptions.—Detroit News.

PROLONGS LIFE OF RIBBON

Correspondent of Eastern Periodical Gives Valuable Hint That Makes for Typewriter Economy.

Some time ago I saw on the household page directions for prolonging the usefulness of a typewriter ribbon by brushing it with typewriter or machine oil, and allowing the oil to soak into the ribbon over night. I tried it, but had difficulty in getting the oil on evenly. Then I tried removing the old ribbon, packing it in the little tin box the new ribbon came out of, and soaking it thoroughly with oil—maybe 20 drops of oil. The other ribbon went into a desk drawer and stayed there until the new ribbon was worn out, when the oiled ribbon was put back on the machine, and was as good as new.

The little metal spools which carry the typewriter ribbon have a number of openings at the top and bottom through which the oil can be applied. The ribbon with which this is being written had had its third span of usefulness made possible by the 20 drops of oil. The luxury of having a new—or newly oiled—ribbon at hand, when it is needed, is beyond words.

This typewriter, which is a family possession and usually runs about ten hours a day, used to need two ribbons a month. Since the oiling process was begun, two ribbons have lasted three months, with frequent oilings, which takes less time than telling about it.—Christian Science Monitor.

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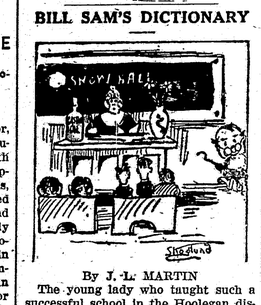

By J. L. MARTIN

The young lady who taught such a successful school in the Hoolegan district last year is running the school at Happy Hollow entirely to her own satisfaction this year. Although she has not whipped a pupil so far, some of the patrons declare that she is too strict. When a pupil violates one of her rules she throws him down and makes him take a dose of castor oil.

CASTOR OIL: A once-popular medicine kept in a conspicuous place in every home as a preventive of bellyache and other minor ailments among children. Bill Sam's Dictionary, page 216.

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Baby Richard Hendricks, Myrtle Steadman, Mildred June, Wm. Austin, Claire Windsor, Rosemerry Theby, Gaston Glass, Charles Cleary, Carl Halloway and Martha Mattox.

Big in theme, thrilling in action, charming in emotional appeal. See the picture, then ask yourself if rich men's wives are to be pitied, scorned or envied.

Comedy—"Ginger Face." International News.

Bargain Prices: All Seats 25c.

Wednesday, Dec. 27, Matinee and Evening.

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in an incredibly lavish production of the brilliant photoplay by Edmund Goulding

"Broadway Rose"

The drama of a dancer who knew the most dangerous street in the world better than her own heart.

Comedy—Buster Keaton in "One Week."

"Topics of the Day."

Special Music---Strand Orchestra

Matinee, Children 15c, Adults 25. Evening, Children 25c, Adults 35c.

Thursday, Dec. 28, at 7 and 8:35

Frank Mayo in "Afraid to Fight"

Mr. Mayo in the greatest role of his career.

Comedy—"Ala Baba and the 40 Thieves." Pathe Review.

Prices 15c and 25c.

Friday, Dec. 29, at 2, 7 and 8:40

Special matinee at 2 o'clock. Children 10c, Adults 25c.

A smashing big program. One you cannot afford to miss.

TOM MIX

IN

"Up and Going"

You all know Tom Mix. Here he is in a great picture.

Reginald Denny in the last big round of "The Leather Pushers."

ART ACORD in "The Days of Buffalo Bill."

The most pretentious chronicle of adventure and romance of the OLD WEST ever presented on any screen. A galaxy of heroes of the Plains in breath-taking adventures with hostile Indian tribes. The remarkable and thrilling history of the American frontier presented in the most colossal screen entertainment ever undertaken. More than 150 historical characters portrayed by a remarkable cast of favorite players. Over 4400 horses, 1100 real Indians, 300 well-riding cowboys, 50 pony express riders. More than 8,000 in the superb cast.

Don't miss this Friday night program. Special prices for children 10c, adult 25c. Come early if you want your favorite seat.

Saturday, Dec. 30, at 2, 6:45 and 8:30

James Kirkwood, Bebe Daniels, Anna Q. Nilsson and Raymond Hatton in

"Pink Gods"

The story of two women who loved one man, one for what he could give her, the other for what he was. A rose-tinted romance of the diamond fields and thrills to your heart's content.

Comedy—Clyde Cook in "Sugar Bones." International News.

Matinee, Children 10c, Adults 25c. Evening, 15c and 25c

Coming next Monday, Matinee and Evening,

House Peters in "Human Hearts."

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of HERMAN H. RECORD, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the Hon. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine:

Wherefore he prays, That he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this eighth day of December, A. D. 1922.

HERMAN H. RECORD, Bankrupt.

Order of Notice Thereon.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 16th day of December, A. D. 1922, on reading the foregoing petition, it is—

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 26th day of January, A.D. 1923, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Hon. JOHN A. PETERS, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1922.

[L. S.] JOHN F. KNOWLTON, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest: JOHN F. KNOWLTON, Clerk.

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Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of GERALD L. SAUNDERS, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the Hon. JOHN A. PETERS, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine:

GERALD L. SAUNDERS of Hebron, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the twentieth day of January, 1922, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays, That he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 6th day of December, A. D. 1922.

FRANK P. DREW, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 9th day of December, A. D. 1922, on reading the foregoing petition, it is—

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 26th day of Jan., A.D. 1923, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in The Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further Ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the HON. JOHN A. PETERS, Judge of thesaid Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 9th day of Dec., A. D. 1922.

[L.S.] JOHN F. KNOWLTON, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest: JOHN F. KNOWLTON, Clerk.

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NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of HORACE E. LITTLEFIELD, of Bethel, Bankrupt, } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Horace E. Littlefield of Bethel, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of Dec., A. D. 1922, the said Horace E. Littlefield was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 49 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, on the 27th day of Dec., A. D. 1922, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, December 11, 1922.

WALTER L. GRAY, Referee in Bankruptcy.

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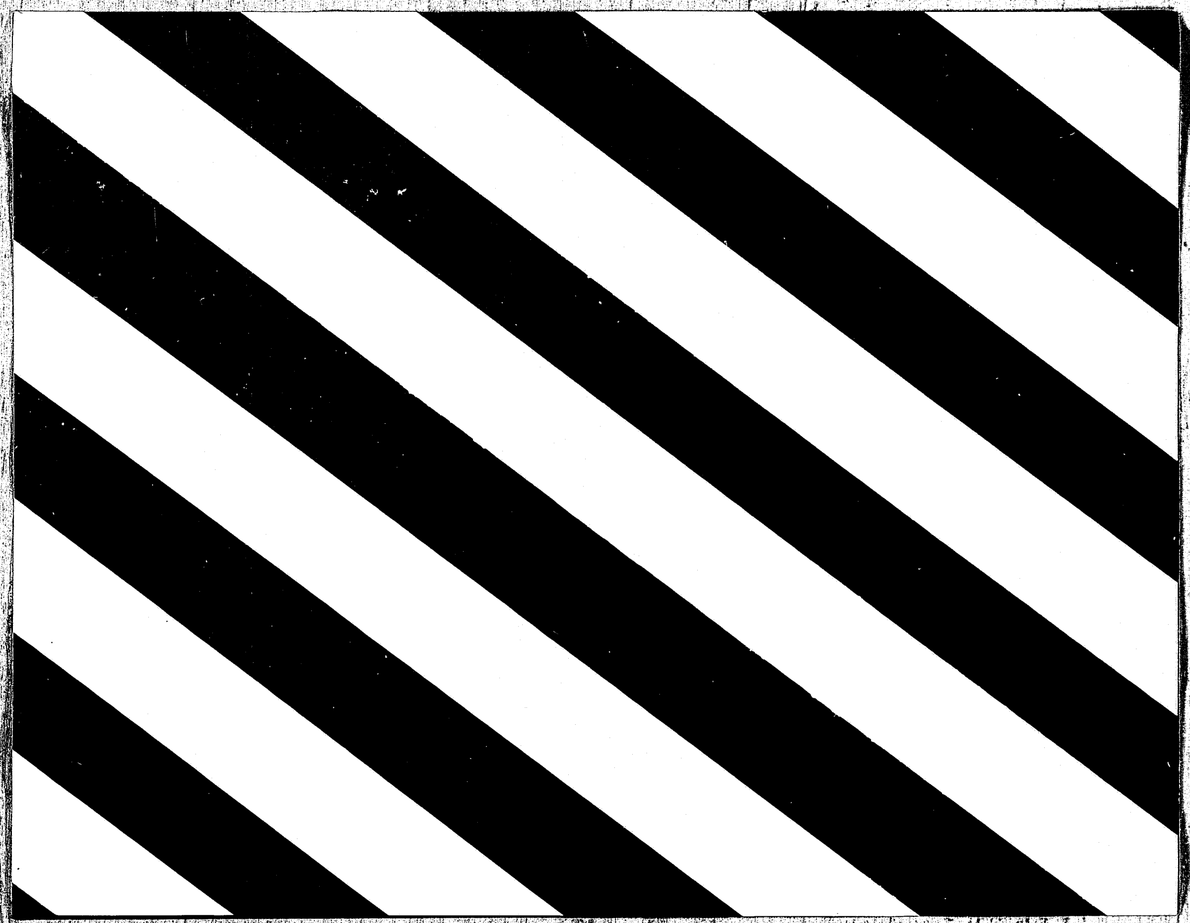
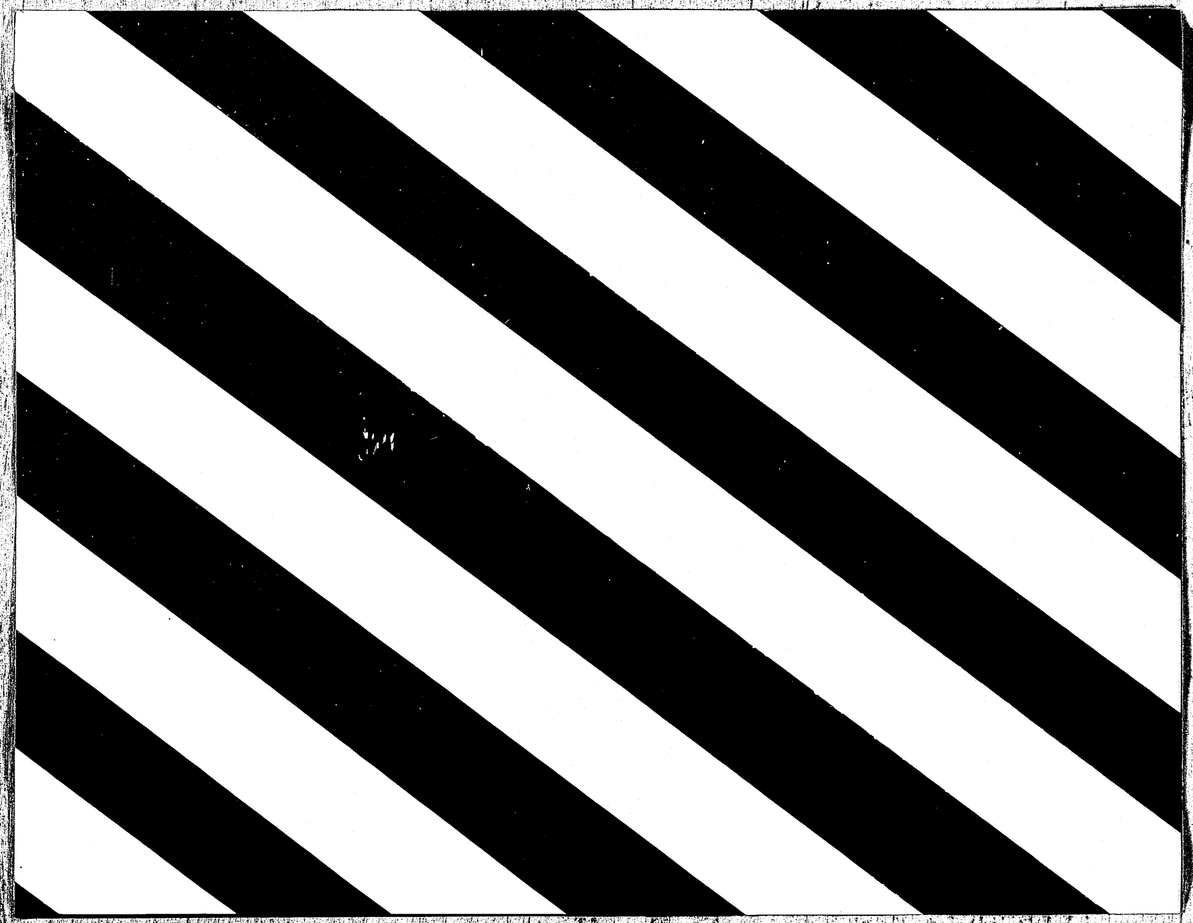
Collector's Advertisement of Sale of Lands of Non-resident Owners.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situate in the town of Paris, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1922.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Paris, aforesaid, for the year 1922, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 26th day of May, 1922, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due thereon, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Association Hall, in said town, on the first Monday in February, 1923, at nine o'clock A.M.

Name of Owner.	Description of Property.	Amount of Taxes, Interest and Charges.
Bennett, Lillian.	Land near Eben Pike's, West Paris,	$ 5.60
Cooper, W. E. Estate.	Lots 11 and 12, Oxford Park,	2.72
Godsoe, L. W.	Wood Homestead,